

## **Community Preservation Committee Minutes**

**Date:** October 25, 2023

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Place:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Stu Sklar, Jane Biering, Todd Currie, Doug Thornton, Pam Marston, John Lee, Marisa Steele, Charles Oliver

Guests: Bob O'Shea - Harbormaster, Anne McWalters – Park & Rec Director

The meeting was convened at 7:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Sound Check were done. Preamble, Rules for Participation, and Reminder that meeting materials are available online and that this meeting is being recorded were read by the Chair.
2. Stu welcomed Todd Currie to the committee.
3. Public Comment Period - None
4. Review/Approve Minutes – Minutes were approved as presented.
5. Treasurer Update - Same as last month's meeting. Jared confirmed that the Town Collection number is not a straightforward 3%. Stuart Saginor is forecasting 20% to be distributed sometime in November.
  - a. Civil War Monument – Marie S hasn't yet received a price from vendors.
  - b. Invasive Plant – John Lee checked with Wendy & Liz. Down to \$0.
6. Review and Vote, in conjunction with the Harvard Climate Initiative Com, on applications:
  - a. Park and Rec Applications:
    - -ADA Beach Improvements: \$23,720 – Harvard's ADA Transition Plans have prioritized ADA access to the beach as the top priority for the Town. The beach already has 1 Mobichair & a ramp to access the beach, but no access to the swing set or water. The project includes 2 new ADA parking spots, 2 new ADA picnic tables, a wheelchair swing, & 5' wide beach mats to allow access to different areas of the beach & water. Bob O'Shea stated that Park & Rec has applied for a Massachusetts Office of Disabilities ADA Grant for the full amount of \$23,720. Should hear by the end of the year. Mobichair is not adequate. Access to water is too steep from the beach house. Mats can be taken in for the winter. Request passed unanimously.
    - -Stairs at McCurdy Track: \$18,000. The request amount was changed to \$25,000. The project proposes to build a set of stairs adjacent to the southern side of the track shack that would allow people to access the track from the parking lot level safely. The original plans

for the McCurdy Track did have stairs. From Parking to track, the Steepest part of the hill. Railing will be needed due to the steepness of the hill. It already has ADA access near the handicapped parking spaces. Looking into granite, due to longevity as opposed to concrete. Passed unanimously.

- -Bromfield Outdoor Basketball Court: \$40,000 – Requesting funds to upgrade the outdoor basketball court. The scope is three-fold: 1) Resurfacing & expansion of court lines to meet high school regulation size. 2) Replace 2 broken basketball hoop systems for approximately \$10,000. 3) Replace fencing around the court. The posts are OK and could possibly be reused. \$7-11K. It is Irrelevant as to who owns the land. This is a town issue. Passed unanimously.

b. Administrative Funds

- -Community Preservation Coalition Dues: \$1,750. We've moved up a category due to our rate increase to 3%. Passed unanimously.
- -Local CPC Administrative Expense: \$2,500-4,500. Stu will look into CPC acknowledgment signs.

7. \* Discussion Items

- Open Questions: Invasive plant Project from last year, Civil War Tablet restoration – discussed in Treasurer Report.
- Bond Capacity, State Bond Calculator – Stu presented various scenarios towards bonding debt services.
- Update on State Matching Funds - covered in Treasurer Report.
- Topics for next meeting

8. \*Discussion of our Calendar Timeline for FY 25-off cycle November meeting to finish applications, November 15? The meeting has been moved to November 15.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Important Dates:

1/5/2024	Financial Warrant Articles Due
2/6/2024	Budget Recommendation Due
4/6/2024	Annual Town Meeting
4/9/2024	Town Elections