

Community Preservation Committee

January 25, 2017

Attendees: Didi Chadran, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Michelle Catalina, John Lee, Ron Ricci, Pam Marston

Guests: Joe Schmidt

Absent: Deb Thomson, Park & Rec representative

The meeting convened at 7:33PM.

Minutes from December 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer's Update: John Lee presented revised Draft Estimates for FY18. Estimated FY18 Unreserved fund balance of \$342,738.41, using estimated FY17 collections and estimated 15% State reimbursement. With current requests, estimated 10% FY18 appropriations and CPC expenses of 294,871.00, the estimated FY18 Unreserved Fund balance is \$202,679.91. No change from last month.
2. Update on Park & Rec Stone Wall Extension – Joe Schmidt: Joe has spoken with the contractor (Joe Blue). The \$80,000.00 quote to Park and Rec renovates the wall and new granite top from the Bromfield driveway to the crosswalk at the opening to the Old Bromfield building. (See attached Park & Rec drawing, area between the blue lines). Joe will work with the contractor to get written dollar amount estimate. Pam Marston (Historic Commission) has agreed to be the project point person for this project. Joe and the Town Planner (Bill Scanlon) walked the land and one proposal was to place this sidewalk inside the wall. As the Town does not own the land, it would have to be approved by the Bromfield Trust. Ron Ricci moved that CPC approve the \$80,000 for the wall renovation. Motion was seconded by Beth Williams and unanimously approved.
3. Recap of January 18 All Boards Meeting. This meeting was attended by John Lee, Michelle Catalina, Pam Marston, Ron Ricci and Beth Williams. General consensus was that this was a Financial Information Meeting.
4. Discussion and Recommendations for Funding by Application:
 - a. Janet Vellante (Town Clerk) - \$24,752 for preservation of Town Hall Records. This item was unanimously approved.
 - b. Conservation Commission (ConCom) - \$100,000 for land preservation. . This item was unanimously approved.

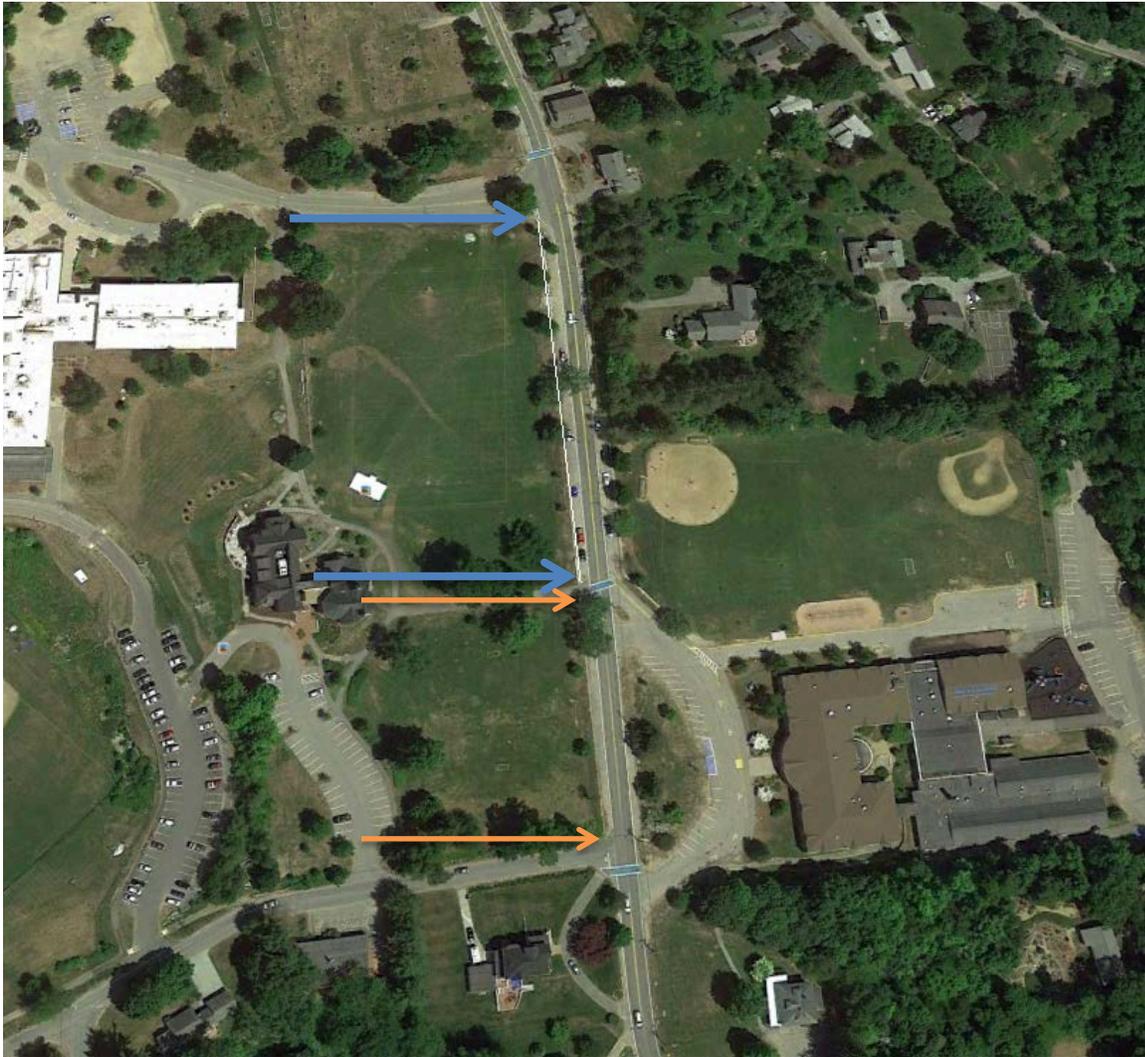
- c. Council on Aging (COA) - \$700.00 for repainting the woodwork on the front of Hildreth House. Withdrawn by COA.
 - d. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) – 10% requested. - \$25,319.00 was approved, to be held in Housing reserves, 5-0 with 1 abstention (Ricci) at December meeting.
 - e. Town Hall Bond Payment: - \$61,600.00. Approved.
 - f. CPC Expenses: - \$2,500.00. Approved.
5. Submission for Annual Town Meeting:
- a. Draft Warrant Articles – Didi Chadran presented draft articles to the committee for approval. Ron Ricci moved that the CPC chair and treasurer work with Town Administrator and Treasurer to determine funding sources. Seconded by Jo Ward. – Approved.
 - b. Draft CPC Annual Report – Didi presented draft report. Will resend with corrections for approval.
6. Other Business:
- a. Coalition Membership Dues Invoiced – Approved
 - b. Park & Rec Representative – None as of yet. Have been without one for 2 years now. Michelle Catalina and/or John Lee with meet with Park & Rec to try to get a representative.
 - c. Future of the CPA: Call to Action – Discussion of the Community Preservation Coalition’s (Stuart Saginor) newsletter call to action. There are currently 172 CPA communities across the Commonwealth. With diminishing funding, with more CPA communities, there needs to be a solution. An act is currently being considered by the Commonwealth. An Act to Sustain Community Preservation Revenue calls for an adjustment in the current funding source for the CPA Trust Fund. The Trust derives its revenue from fees collected at the Registries of Deeds across the state, but those fees have never been adjusted since CPA was signed into law by Governor Cellucci in 2000. The legislation asks for these fees to be adjusted so that all current CPA communities would receive a 50% first round distribution. It was suggested in the newsletter that Community Preservation Committee members contact their State representatives to support this bill.

Open Action Items:

- 1. Didi and John to work with Town Administrator and Treasurer to determine funding sources for Warrant Articles.

Next CPC meeting scheduled for February 15, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.



The section of wall between the blue arrows has areas that have recently been improved. *There are no plans to relocate this section of the wall in order to provide a sidewalk.* The approximate length of the section between the blue arrows is 480 feet.

