

## Community Preservation Committee

December 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:45

Present: Allen Hanson, Rita Farrell, Elaine Puleo, Linda Avis Scott, John Walter

Missing: Margie Tighe-Saporito, Michael DeChiara

Community members present: Miriam DeFant, Henry Geddes, Mary Lou Conca

### MINUTES

Minutes of 10-29-2020 had not been reviewed by members of the committee so approval was tabled to the next meeting

### REVIEW OF DOE PROJECTS

5 projects were presented, (DOE applications are attached at the end of these minutes) the committee reviewed them one at a time using the criteria laid out by the Community Preservation Coalition. In order of presentation the projects were the following:

1. Presented by the Historical Commission - SHC proposes to hire a professional anthropologist/historical preservationist and also one or more Tribal experts to assist in developing educational materials, policies, and procedures for the identification and preservation of pre-colonial historical and cultural resources in the community, including on town-oriented property.

Review: This would be a survey, but it is neither educational nor tangible. It does not fit in the description as laid out by the CPC (see flow chart attached).

Rebuttal was that the resource of the survey is available but there is a lack of knowledge in the committee to interpret it.

Al made a motion and Linda seconded with unanimous approval to table this proposal until we hear back from Town Counsel on its appropriateness for CPC funds.

2. Presented by the Historical Commission - SHC proposes installing district signs and historic markings in town both on roadways and on historic buildings.

Review: Once again, this does not fit in the flowchart provided by CPC and thus does not appear to be eligible.

Elaine made a motion seconded by Al with unanimous approval to table this proposal until we hear back from Town Counsel on its appropriateness for CPC funds.

3. Presented by the Conservation Committee - The SCC proposed creating and publishing a trail map and usage plan for the South Brook Conservation Area. This town-owned area comprises 49 acres of forested property located due south of the Lake Wyola public boat launch.

Review: This application is for mapping only and therefore does not fit the criteria of CPC funds

Elaine Made a motion seconded by Linda with unanimous approval that this project is ineligible for CPC funds and therefore it was denied.

4. Presented by the Shutesbury Mountain Bike Club – SMBC proposal is to build mountain bike trails in the South Brook Conservation Area.

Review: The SMBC will have to work with the Conservation Commission because the land is owned and overseen by the ConCom. This does not factor into a determination of eligibility for funds.

AI made a motion seconded by Linda with unanimous approval that this application is eligible for CPC funds and is allowed to move on to the next phase of application

5. Presented by the Shutesbury Recreation Committee – The SRC proposes creating community gardens on town owned property.

Review: This is definitely covered under approved recreational activity.

AI made a motion seconded by John with unanimous approval that this project is eligible for CPC funds and is allowed to move on to the next phase of application

Rita stated that she will follow up with Becky the Town Administrator on the need for Town Counsel review of the two Historical Commission proposals and the Conservation Commission for the Mountain Bike Club proposal. If Town Counsel says the proposals are eligible, we will need to have another meeting in December to vote on the said DOEs.

Note: the committee made it clear that the determination of whether a project was eligible for CPC funds was in no way a reflection of whether committee members approved of the ideas presented. It merely was a response to whether these projects were CPC fund eligible.

6:45 Linda motioned to adjourn, John seconded and the vote was unanimous.

*Respectfully submitted by Elaine Puleo*