

Community Preservation Committee

November 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

Present: Allen Hanson, Rita Farrell, Elaine Puleo, Linda Avis Scott, Michael DeChiara, Henry Geddes

Missing: Matteo Pangallo

Community Attending: Bridget Likely and Chris Volonte of Kestrel Trust, Miriam DeFant, Jeff Lacy, Joan Hanson, Grace Bannasch

MINUTES

Minutes of May 6 Rita move to approve, Michael seconded aye, Elaine abstention.

Minutes of Oct 27. Moved to next meeting for review because not everyone received them.

Welcome to Mateo and Henry to our committee – both voted on by Selectboard at its most recent meeting.

Kestrel Land Trust – Chris Volonte point person for Ames Pond project, Bridget Likely point person for Pearson project.

Bridget – KT is prepared to go forward with offering the \$275,000 asking price for 34 acres. They are in conversation with the real estate firm. They realize that town funds would not be available until after town meeting. They are willing to purchase the land beforehand. Would like to request \$68,000 match from CPC. This is a 25% match. Conservation Commission is the town committee in support. Miriam said ConCom has potential funds for a match also possible to obtain land grant funding for this. Possible that CPC funds could reimburse ConCom for their funds. Michael suggested approaching Amherst for CPA funds. Allen has more information he will share concerning ConCom and CPA funding potential. – he will send around copies and the link to the CPA site explaining this.

Chris – Ames Pond project – Janowitz property. They have taken acquisition of the property this year. Looking to SWCA consulting company for help to restore trails, boardwalks and the entrance. Possibility of an accessible component. Looking for the recreational trust fund program for a component of the project – would not have access to these funds until end of 2022. Looking for CPA funds to expand parking area and getting across the entrance meadow – raised crushed stone trail leading to wooden puncheon. – make it accessible with a viewing platform. A DOE proposal will be submitted. Probably looking at about \$20,000 from CPC for this.

Review of yearly calendar. – no need to update. Our next meeting is scheduled for the same day as the Open Space Forum on Dec 16th. We will change our meeting to 5:30 to be able to attend both meetings.

Elaine presented the request of the Recreation Committee to move the community garden to lot O-32. The benefit would be to make the garden contiguous to the library. Benefits were discussed. The town meeting warrant states that the garden will be located behind town hall. We would need to go back to town meeting to change the site. This is not a major delay since we do not know the potential library siting. Also, Rita will draft an agreement between CPC and Rec committee and bring it to CPC for review at our next meeting.

Henry – Historical Commission wants to repair the historic sign post on the Town Common. – would the Friends of the Historical Society be interested in contributing? Joan Hanson will be willing to bring it to the Board of Directors. Also looking at archives in Old Town Hall. These need to be inventoried to determine historical significance and then potential protection and saving of these. A roving archivist is helping with this. There may be future needs that can be met with CPC funds.

Outstanding Projects:

We need a generalized grant agreement – both for intra-municipal and non-intra municipal awards. Rita/Allen will send the templates around so we can work one out.

1. Lake Wyola North Cove dredging project – no one has taken responsibility for this project. Monies have not been used.
2. Old Town Hall project. – Building committee is having trouble finding a contractor to do the job. Selectboard is meeting with the Building Committee to discuss their lack of meeting.

Next meeting: Dec 16th. Allen will send around any DOE forms he receives.

Michael moved to adjourn; Rita seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM

Respectfully submitted and revised after 1/20/22 meeting by Elaine Puleo