

Community Preservation Committee

December 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:01PM

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

Community Attending: Bridget Likely of Kestrel Trust, Miriam DeFant, Penny Jaques

MINUTES

Minutes of Oct 27. Rita moved, Linda seconded. Roll call vote 4 aye (Farrell, Scott, DeChiara, Hanson), 3 abstention (Puleo due to absence, Geddes and Pangallo due to not being on the committee yet).

Minutes of November 22. Moved to next meeting for review.

Review DOE proposals:

1. Pearson Land Acquisition.

Kestrel has entered into agreement with Wendy Pearson to purchase the land.

There would be parking for probably 4 cars – that would be a cost that either should be included in this plan or consider where the funds will come from.

Kestrel has received additional funding potential and could possibly reduce the amount the actual proposal would be.

Questioning whether Kestrel has reached out to Amherst for funding. – they unfortunately are well into their funding process. – It could actually be much more restrictive with respect to recreation if we involve them.

\$30,000 is cost of closing costs, legal issues, title search etc.

Question of whether we would preserve the dam/mill structure – not a danger or risk but scenic, will not expect to be restoring it in any way.

Motion to approve eligibility – Elaine, second by Matteo. Roll call vote unanimous vote (Hanson, Farrell, Puleo, Scott, DeChiara, Geddes, Pangallo)

2. Ames Pond Project.

Remove reference to this being a historic project.

The Conservation commission will have to be involved. – they do know a wetland application will need to be filed.

Matching funds to come from the regional trails program matching grant.

Motion to approve eligibility – Rita, second by Michael. unanimous vote.

3. Restoration of historic mile guideboard.

Submitted a project notification to the MA Historical Commission – waiting for feedback.

Should it be enclosed in glass?

Estimate – waiting for feedback from 2-3 vendors. Thinking of adding copper top vs. lead

Does restoration help with getting on the national register or vice versa? Not really.

Be clear that this is a restoration not a replica

Motion to approve eligibility – Rita, second by Henry unanimous vote.

Moving to the next meeting: Outstanding Projects:

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.

Annual Report – Elaine will write it and send to Alan for review. Due on the end of December

Next meeting January 20

Rita moved to adjourn; Michael seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:54PM

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