

Community Preservation Committee

December 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

The meeting was held remotely.

Members Present: Matteo Pangallo, Beth Willson, Allen Hanson, Clif Read, Rita Farrell, Elaine Puleo, Henry Geddes,

Public: Steve Rice, Susan Millinger, Pam Ososky, Mary Jo Maffei, Elizabeth Fernandez O'Brien, Howell Lee

MINUTES

1. Review and approval of minutes from meeting of October 17, 2024

Motion to approve: Puleo, second Willson

Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Hanson aye, Read aye, Farrell abstain, Puleo aye (Geddes was not present at the time of the vote)

Motion passes

2. Change the DOE deadline to Friday December 13

- a. Motion to approve Farrell, second Read

Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Hanson aye, Read aye, Farrell aye, Puleo aye (Geddes was not present at the time of the vote)

Motion passes

3. Questions from applicants –

- a. Cemetery commission -Millinger– should we put off our application for another year?

Response – no reason to wait, this is not a competitive process.

- b. Fernandez O'Brien – interested in a project on the Bennett House and the property of the Carroll home. Renovate the house, use it for housing for people with disabilities and have the property turned into gardens. – Any comments?

Response – must have public access, community garden may fit that. Because it has been stripped of historical details, the application would have to be for the housing component not historical preservation. It would come under the community housing component. – there are resources out there for assisted living, affordable housing. Farrell – feasibility study is necessary, suggested talking off-line.

- c. Maffei – Subduing Knotweed coalition wants the town to apply for money for an expert to create a knotweed remediation plan.

Response – it's a common use of CPA funding. Who would be responsible for it in the town? Open Space, Board of Health, Planning Board or Conservation Commission could be sponsors. Can put in the DOE without all the details including who would be sponsoring this plan.

- d. Pickelball players – wanted to know if the commission had any questions.

Response – Farrell – site identification, site analysis and feasibility study are missing. These shouldn't be combined with the actual creation of the courts. Pangallo said feasibility study would be eligible for funding. – this is a large sum of money (\$98K) that we wouldn't know would actually be able to be built. If you make this a 2-year project you could do the feasibility the first year and then the construction the second year (while also looking for matching funding).

Recognition of and Thanks to Matteo for his clear presentation of the funding for the Amherst High School track at Town Meeting on December 3,2024.

Motion to adjourn – Farrell, second Puleo

Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Hanson aye, Read aye, Farrell aye, Puleo aye, Geddes aye
Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

December 13, 2024	Deadline for DoEs
December 19, 2024	Meeting to discuss and vote on DoEs
January 16, 2025	Meeting to address questions from potential applicants
February 6, 2025	Deadline for Applications
February 20, 2025	Meeting to ask questions of Applicants
March 6, 2025	Tentative meeting to ask further questions of Applicants
March 20, 2025	Meeting to discuss and vote on Applications
April 3, 2025	Meeting to draft and vote on warrant articles
May 15, 2025	Meeting to draft and vote on grant agreements