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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

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Travis Drury (Chair)
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Wisty Rorabacher
John Passiglia
Susan Worgaftik
Yanis Chibani
Donna DuSell
Thomas Guerino
Dave Chichester

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)
Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:30pm to 7pm
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square and Remote via
Zoom (hybrid)**

MEETING MINUTES

Members present:

Travis Drury (Conservation Commission), Garth Shaneyfelt (at Large), Wisty Rorabacher (at Large), Dave Chichester (Planning Board), Susan Worgaftik (at Large), Yanis Chibani (at Large), Tom Guerino (Greenfield Housing), John Passiglia (Historical Commission)

Members absent:

Donna DuSell (Recreation Commission)

Also present:

Christian LaPlante (Community Development), Kim Boas, John Passiglia, Phil Elmer, Joy Whitbeck, George Touloumtzis, Ginny Desorgher, Christy Moore

Travis called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Approval of the minutes—to be sent prior to the meeting

Motion by Dave to accept December 15, 2022 minutes as written, second Susan. Minutes approved, John, Yanis, and Tom abstaining.

New business

Letter of support for historic properties survey

Athena the city's grant writer has requested a letter of support from the CPC for a grant to do a historic properties survey. Committee had no issues with Travis signing the letter.

Old business

Application review – see <https://greenfield-ma.gov/cpcfunding> to view submitted applications

Boas – Trail Restoration

Susan asked if the project would be recreation or open space. Travis clarified that it is recreation. Also asked what aspects of the project are the most important. Kim Boas replied that it would be the trail restoration itself.

Americorps will be doing the work.

Garth concerned that the some of the work proposed is trail maintenance that is not a good use of CPA funds. Travis stated that this is likely a capital improvement not maintenance since it is a substantial improvement.

Travis concerned that there is some uncertainty about what materials will be used and what the cost will be.

John Passiglia concerned about bikers using the newly refurbished trails – Kim does not foresee this as an issue.

Travis shared that there will need to be conservation commission approval involved.

Elmer – Highland Pond Fountain

Phil provided some updates. Electrical fountain would be preferred over solar. Dredging could be easier than expected. This project would be a first step to provide oxygenation.

Travis clarified this project is recreation as well.

Susan would like to see support from outside of residents of the immediate area.

Aerator would be removed in winter.

Tom expressed concerns about future maintenance of pond if this project is approved and funds spent.

DPW would be providing some assistance to the project.

Touloumtzis – Safe Bicycle Link

Garth expressed concerns that this project is mainly in Deerfield. George has a citizen of Deerfield who is applying for CPC funding there. Yanis asked if funding could be made contingent on Deerfield's portion, Travis stated yes.

Path would connect to Old Ferry Road in Deerfield. Partial funding would not allow the feasibility study to proceed. Potential for small mass-bike mini grant.

Whitbeck – Highland Park Signage

Dave expressed concerns about the price tag for this project. Joy stated that mapping and outreach could be done as one piece and then signage as another.

Travis stated that this project is also part of the capital process. Christy confirmed that recreation and Joy have applied to both, being unsure if either will be approved.

Tom would like to see this funding used as a match or a funding of last resort. Christy stated that the capital process is very competitive.

Ginny stated that capital will be voted on in April so council will know what the CPC voted on in March.

Christian confirmed that there is \$335,000 available for this year's CPC funding.

Discussion of how CPC and capital could split the funding of the project. Garth suggested making projects contingent on capital funding. Susan could potentially see CPC funding being used as a match to a MassTrails grant for a project like this. Christian shared the section from the internal guideline release on supplanting.

Press Release for applications - Donna's draft of public feedback form

Christian can make the final tweaks to the feedback form. Will do a press release after that is finalized.

Public Comment – two minutes per speaker

Ginny Desorgher expressed support for the aerator project. Shared that \$600 has been voted from handicap parking fund to support track project at \$4,500 for the Beacon Park project. Also supportive of funding being used for housing.

George Touloumtzis expressed support for the highland park projects, trail and pond improvements should be prioritized.

Philip Elmer expressed support for the bike link project.

Next meeting – January 26, 2023 5:30pm at City Hall Meeting Room

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by John, second Garth. All in favor 8-0.

Adjourned at 7:01pm.