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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

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Thomas Guerino
Dave Chichester

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)
Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:30pm to 7pm
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square and Remote via
Zoom (hybrid)**

Members present:

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

Member absent:

John Passiglia (Historical Commission)

Also present:

Christy Moore, Recreation Director; Amy Proietti, Applicant; Meg Baker, Applicant; Jim Terapane, Applicant

No Minutes to Review

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

Pickleball Court Expansion, Amy Proietti presenting

This project has also been submitted to Capital, requesting the same amount of money from the City. The project has been sent

forward as recommended by unanimous approval by that Committee.

It is estimated that each of the six courts, plus surrounding sidewalk and proportion of parking, will cost \$40,000.

If the full amount of funds needed is not provided by the City's Capital and / or CPC, the Greenfield Pickleball Group will seek donations from the public. Asked by Susan - how much money is too small for economy of scale - Christy Moore replied, at least 2 courts. In a meeting with Garth, Travis, and Christian, Stuart Saginor, of the CPA, recommended this project go to Capital first and then to us. It was also suggested that we could allocate a determined amount of money contingent on "X" amount being given by Capital. Christy reported that this project is straight forward and, with funding, could be completed in one construction season.

Donna pointed out that although only two letters of support were submitted, the Recreation Department receives many requests for additional courts. Susan, Dave, Tom also addressed the intergenerational popularity of the sport, and the potential to just the courts for lessons, tournaments, and recreational play. The owner of the property and building that were the former Center School adjacent to Abercrombie Park is in favor of locating pickleball courts at Abercrombie Park.

Historical Document Preservation, Meg Baker presenting

In a meeting with Garth, Travis and Christian, Stuart Saginor of the CPA questioned if the funds requested for this project would be used to pay people who already receive salaries from the Historical Society. Meg said, "No." The work would be done by volunteers who are highly qualified and experienced in archival work.

Dave asked when and how the preserved documents would be available to the public to view. Meg explained that the Historical Society's building is open to the public seasonally, between May and October, averaging approximately 80 hours per month. All of these items will rotate into the 1st floor exhibit space as they are related to the exhibit at any given time. The materials are also available by appointment.

Responding to questions from Donna and Tom, Meg explained that the items are being stored in boxes that are safe and stable in a small space in the museum. The items include papers that need to be scanned on-line, as well as tangible items, such as clothing, taken directly from Peter Spencer Miller's house, all of which need to be itemized and digitally recorded. Once itemized and digitally recorded, the Boston Public Library will cooperate with the Historical Society in making all the items widely available to the public. If the project receives funding, it should take 2-3 years to complete. If not funded, it is estimated that the project will take approximately 7 years to complete. The Board of the Society has designated this project as a priority partly to take advantage of the people living locally can contribute information to the project.

As funds have been available to the Society, it has made the building as stable as possible to protect all documents. Stuart Saginor questioned what would happen to these items if the Society no longer exists. The Historical Society Board is already aware of its ethical responsibility to ensure continued care of such.

MOIH - Shop Equipment Preservation, Jim Terapane presenting

In answer to Dave, Jim stated that the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage is open to the public on Saturday afternoons during the

summer and by appointment throughout the remainder of the year. The Museum also has programs during the winter now that their building is heated. It is difficult for schools to visit the Museum due to field trip costs and policies. However, volunteers go directly to schools with programs when requested. Through use of its website, the Shop Equipment to be preserved will potentially attract world wide attention to the Museum because it will actually work and because it was made here in Greenfield which was known for the high quality of its tools. Once repaired or rebuilt, the equipment will provide hands-on experiences for museum goers.

Most of the requested money will be used to fabricate missing parts, using local fabricators. Some electrical components will also need to be purchased. Susan suggested Jim tap with people at the Chamber of Commerce about available money for tourism.

Discussion of the Community Feedback Form created by Donna:

Several Commissioners tested-out the form. They suggested it technical adjustments to make it more user friendly.

Dave suggested respondents be more strongly encouraged to make comments.

Travis will ask Christian to make last minute edits.

Christian and Travis will write a **press release** announcing the date, time and location of the Public Hearing on the Applications.

Up-Coming CPC Meetings:

Tuesday, February 7th - Overall discussion of applications and process for reviewing. Go through scoring

Thursday, February 23rd - Public Hearing at John Zon

Thursday, March 9th - De-brief of Public Hearing and results of Feedback Form

Thursday, March 23rd - Meet to vote on allocation of funds that will be recommended to the City Council

Next Secretary: Tuesday, February 7th - *Yanis*

Susan made motion to **adjourn meeting.**

Seconded by Donna

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm