

Community Preservation Committee

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Planning and Economic
Development**

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Assistant Planner

Patrick Deschenes

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

3/13/2019

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Community Room

Norwood Police & Fire Station

PRESENT:

Helen Abdallah Donohue
Cheryl Doyle
Joe Greeley
Patricia Griffin Starr
John Hall
Debbie Holmwood
Peter McFarland

Also Present:

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner

ABSENT: John Aprea

Paul Halkiotis, Town Planner

Mr. Greeley stated that it would be better to hold the approval of minutes until after the public hearings.

Community Preservation Committee Introduction

Mr. Greeley gave a quick presentation on the status of CPA funds and the need to appropriate the funds into use accounts (Community Housing, Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Unreserved)

Public Hearings – CPA Project Presentation

Carillon Restoration

Mr. Leach gave his presentation for the Carillon Restoration project.

Ms. Holmwood asked if pointing was needed on the outside of building. Mr. Cooper (an applicant on this project along with Mr. Leach) stated that would be unlikely.

Ms. Holmwood stated that she recommended painting the stairs and inside of the carillon tower. Mr. Cooper stated they could do this.

Mr. Noepel of 44 Wheelock Ave. stated that he was glad the Carillon was being restored as he felt it was an asset to the Town.

Ms. Doyle asked about a maintenance plan. Mr. Cooper stated yes there was and that there is a line item in the budget to cover yearly upkeep.

Ms. Howard of 200 Nichols St. stated that she was very much in favor of the project.

Lower Pond Pavilion

Ms. Morgan gave her presentation for the Lower Pond Pavilion project.

Ms. Holmwood asked about the parking area material. Ms. Morgan stated it would be stonedust.

Ms. Donohue thanked Ms. Morgan for including a paved walkway to the pavilion.

Mr. Hall stated that Ms. Morgan did a good job on expending the details of the project.

Mr. Noepel of 44 Wheelock Ave stated that the pavilion would be a great addition to the park and for the residents of the nearby condos who do not have a lot of yard space.

Bond Street Playground

Mr. Farley gave his presentation for the Bond Street Playground project.

Mr. McFarland asked about the longevity to the rubber surface. Mr. Farley stated that is should be good for 20 years.

Ms. Holmwood stated that she does not like the proposed blue surface and would prefer green.

Mr. Farley stated that he would add an ADA compliant walkway and landscaping to the project and cover it under the Recreation Departments budget.

Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Farley should talk to other Towns with poured rubber playgrounds about whether they have vandalism issues.

Ms. Howard of 200 Nichols St. asked where the poured rubber surface would be in relation to the “tot lot”. Mr. Farley answered her question.

Ms. Doyle asked if the existing playground elements in the location of the future rubber surface will stay. Mr. Farley stated they would.

Lower Balch Rehabilitation

Mr. Farley gave his presentation for the Lower Balch Rehabilitation project.

Mr. Deschenes asked about what would happen to the surface next to the outdoor classroom. Mr. Farley stated that they would resurface the location and include some sort of educational artwork there, such as a map.

Ms. Howard of 200 Nichols St. suggested that Mr. Farley talk to the neighbors about the project.

Saint Street Lot Purchase

Mr. Deschenes explained the current status of the Saint Lot Purchase. Mr. Deschenes stated that the seller had a copy of the appraisal and that a meeting had taken place between their lawyer, Town Council, and Mr. Halkiotis. Mr. Deschenes stated that the 84 Morse Street storage lot project still had to be approved by the Conservation Commission in order to open the purchase period for the lot.

Trail Design Project update

Mr. Deschenes stated that after additional review from Mr. Halkiotis and Mr. Ryan, Town Engineer it was determined that many of the items to do for these projects could be done in-house. It was for this reason and for the large quote to do the designs that they believed it would be best to remove the trail design project from consideration for now.

Ms. Donohue stated that she was disappointed by this and asked why both project locations had to be removed

Mr. Deschenes stated that the design of the smaller Saint Lot would be done first, (if property is purchased) then elements of this project could be incorporated into the University Ave. property.

Ms. Doyle stated that the completion of the Open Space & Recreation Plan would also allow for additional grant funding for the project.

Financial Review

Mr. Greeley discussed the status of current CPA funds.

Mr. Greeley and Mr. Deschenes addressed the discrepancies from the trial balance and the information from Town Treasurer Mark Good.

Mr. Greeley stated that a more defined total number will be needed before writing the article motions.

Approval of Minutes 2/27/19

MOTION to accept minutes from 2/27/19 by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Doyle

All in favor.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Doyle, seconded by Ms. Griffin Starr.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner