

Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee Meeting

2/12/2020

5:30 P.M.

Room 24

Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street

PRESENT:

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

Also Present:

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner

ABSENT: Paul Halkiotis, Town Planner

Approval of Minutes 1/8/20 & 1/22/20

MOTION to approve minutes from 1/8/20 by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Griffin Starr

All in favor.

MOTION to approve minutes from 1/22/20 by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Griffen Starr.

All in favor.

CPA Project Review and Discussion

Morse House Rehabilitation – Judith Howard, Historical Commission

Ms. Howard provided a summary of the proposed project they hoped to accomplish as well as stating that they will need a project manager to carry it out.

Ms. Eosco explained the Historical Commission's recent meeting with the Selectmen and that there had been some confusion over ownership of the building. She also stated that their meeting had been continued and that they will have to meet with the Selectmen again in order to seek their approval of the proposed project.

Ms. Doyle stated that she liked the project as it was a proactive measure to prevent further damage to the historic building.

Ms. Donohue explained the significance of the building to South Norwood and how maintenance had been provided in the past through volunteers.

Mr. Greeley asked the applicant to explain the anticipated project cost.

Ms. Carney speaking on behalf of the applicant and as the Town's Contract Administrator explained the \$50,000 figure and the need for a high contingency.

Ms. Eosco stated the need to preserve the Morse House as a historically significant building to the Town.

Mr. Hall stated that the project would still need the support of the Board of Selectmen before it could be approved by the CPC.

Mr. Greeley stated that if the Board of Selectmen doesn't want to support the next phase of preservation of the building then that would greatly impact the need for this step.

Ms. Carney stated that the Town Manager is usually the first step of approval needed for Town buildings before taking the matter to the Selectmen.

Ms. Holmwood asked if there would be a Town Facility Department. Ms. Carney stated that "yes" there would be.

Murphy Field Basketball Court

Mr. Farley gave an overview of the Basketball Court and the need for rehabilitation.

Ms. Donohue asked if ADA compliant mats would be added to the proposed pathways. Mr. Hall asked if that would impact cost.

Mr. Farley stated that yes it would increase the cost and maintenance, but that he would look into it.

Ms. Doyle asked if Mr. Farley would need to come back and resurface the courts in a few years.

Mr. Farley stated that there are many variables that determine timeframe for resurfacing, but they could be looking at a need to resurface in 5-10 years.

Ms. Holmwood asked if Mr. Farley could add more to the project such as landscaping and benches.

Mr. Farley stated that he can look into adding more to the project.

Mr. Greeley stated that he was worried about the CPA being used as a replacement to Capital Outlay.

Mr. Donohue stated that it was not a bad thing if it was a good project and it positively impacted the residents.

Town Pool Assessment

Mr. Farley provided an overview of how the Pool Assessment Study came to be and how it was more focused in then his originally submitted Recreation Needs Assessment.

Ms. Doyle stated that she would like Mr. Farley to get a letter of approval from the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Doyle also asked whether they would be looking into ADA approved “zero entry” features.

Mr. Farley stated he would get the letter and that as for the pool features everything would be on the table.

Committee Business

Mr. Farley gave an update on the Lower Balch project. Currently they were working with an arborist on the status of some trees on the site to see if they could be saved or not.

Ms. Holmwood stated that she would like to see all the trees preserved if possible.

MOTION to have a public hearing for all proposed projects on 3/25/20 by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Donohue.

All in favor.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner