

**Community Preservation Committee**

Peter McFarland, Chairman  
Patricia Griffin Starr, Vice Chairman  
Toni Eosco  
Joseph Greeley  
John Hall  
Matt Lane  
Joseph Sheehan



**Director of Community  
Planning and Economic  
Development**

Paul Halkiotis, AICP

**Assistant Town Planner**

Patrick Deschenes

---

**Community Preservation Committee Meeting**

**9/23/2020**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Remote Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

Toni Eosco  
Patricia Griffin Starr  
Joe Greeley (late)  
John Hall  
Matt Lane  
Peter McFarland  
Joe Sheehan  
Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner  
Travis Farley, Recreation Superintendent  
Judith Howard

**ABSENT:** John Aprea

Paul Halkiotis, Town Planner

Mr. McFarland called the meeting to order.

Mr. Deschenes addressed the requirements of holding a remote meeting and presented the meeting access information to the public.

The Committee conducted a roll call for attendance.

**Approval of Minutes 9/9/20**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 9/9/20 made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Sheehan.

All in favor.

Mr. McFarland acknowledged the passing of the Jack Roach a developer within the Town of Norwood. The Committee offered their condolences

**CPA Project Public Hearing**

### **Murphy Field Basketball Court Resurfacing – Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation**

Mr. Farley provided an overview of his proposed project to rehabilitate the basketball court at Murphy Field. Mr. Farley also indicated that the project would also include a new ADA compliant path that would help make the area more accessible.

Ms. Griffin Starr asked if the project would include fencing. Mr. Farley stated that it would not but it could be added to the project at a later time.

Mr. McFarland asked if the existing playground included a fence. Mr. Farley stated that it did not but additional landscaping would be part of the project that would offer shade and buffering.

Mr. Farley stated that the asking amount for this project would be \$17,025.

### **Town Pool Assessment – Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation**

Mr. Farley provided background information on the Town's two existing pools and the working committee behind this application.

Mr. Farley stated that the assessment would take about 3-4 months and would offer a variety of options on actions to take to either fully rehab both pools or go another route through splash parks. Mr. Farley stated the asking amount for this project would be \$80,000.

Mr. Hall asked for more information on the spray park options. Mr. Farley provided more background on spray parks.

Mr. Hall suggested splitting the two pools up into different uses for people that were interested in using the pools for specific activities such as only swimming laps or free swim.

### **Old Parish Cemetery Master Plan – Patricia Fanning and John Grove, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers**

Mr. Grove provided an overview of the Old Parish Cemetery Volunteers and their work at the cemetery.

Mr. Grove explained how projects similar to this had been done at other historical cemeteries such as Mount Auburn. Mr. Grove explained how action items done through the potential master plan would help to make Old Parish Cemetery stand out as a secure park like area location and a historic asset.

Mr. Hall stated suggested that in the process of creating a master plan it would be good to address how the cemetery can be protected and maintained through anticipated heavier usage.

Mr. Grove stated that it was the Volunteers hope that this process would help provide answers to those questions.

Mr. Greeley asked if there were concerns over future use of the abutting MBTA property.

Mr. Grove stated that as of right now they would have to deal with changes when they know more information. Right now there was speculation that changes might happen to the MBTA property, but nothing solid to base changes to the cemetery on.

Ms. Eosco stated that she was very much in favor of the project.

Mr. Grove asked what the next steps were. Mr. McFarland stated that the Committee would be putting the projects on the warrant and voting on recommendations and motions at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Morse House Feasibility Study and Master Plan – Judith Howard and Toni Eosco, Historical Commission**

Ms. Howard gave an introduction to the project proposal and provided background information on the project itself.

Ms. Eosco gave a detailed presentation on the history of the house and the Morse family.

Mr. Hall stated that this was the strongest presentation for this project by far. Mr. Hall recommended for the feasibility study to look at different redevelopment options similar to the chapel project.

Mr. Hall was concerned about the asking price being adequate.

Mr. McFarland, Ms. Eosco, and Mr. Deschenes provided background information on the price estimate.

**MOTION** to close the public hearing by Mr. Greeley, seconded by Mr. Sheehan

All in Favor

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

All in favor.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner**