Community Preservation Committee

TOWN OF HORWELL TOWN CLERK

Open Annual Meeting Minutes-

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December 5, 2019

Present: Bob Norris (Chair), Rich Levitt, Genevieve Davis, Bob McMackin, Aleta Scully, Deborah Stuart, Brendan Sullivan

The meeting was called to order by Bob Norris (Chair) at 7:08pm.

Annual Hearing

Legal Notice of the Annual Meeting was read.

Meeting Agenda

Motion; made by Bob Norris, seconded by Genevieve Davis to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously voted.

North River Shipyard Plaques Restoration Project (Wendy Bawabe, Norwell Historical Society) Wendy presented a brief video of the Shipyard Plaques restoration project. 10 signs in total were refurbished along the North River, 4 of them in Norwell. This Project was completed in collaboration with Marshfield, Scituate, Pembroke and Hanover's Historical Societies.

Herring Brook Hill at 40 River Street (Ellen Allen, Community Housing Trust) Ellen discussed the newly occupied Herring Brook Hill. The property's design is 100% affordable by State guidelines and involved a project collaboration between Metro West Funding, a Town of Norwell land donation and a State Grant from the Small Housing Initiative. Ellen also stated the Community Housing Trust recently had their new Housing Production Plan approved by the Planning Board and is working currently on a creative design for property on Wildcat Lane. One of the possibilities for this property would be 20% affordable and multigenerational.

Carleton Property Committee (Brendan Sullivan/ Alison Demong) Brendan and Alison started off with a brief description and history of the property which led to maps of the property. Please see attached maps for description of property. The Carleton Property Committee met with various boards and committees before developing a plan for the best use of the property. The 114.9 acres will be used for recreational/pathway use (105.6 acres) and the remaining 9.3 acres to be set aside for The Community Housing Trust and passive recreation use. The completed project of clearing the stone walls (Whiting Fields) along Main Street was also discussed.

Gaffield Park (George Grey, Recreation Superintendent) George stated Gaffied Park closed June 6, 2019 for 8 weeks to undergo a retrofit, replacement, and re-shaping. All completion reports have currently been submitted to the State. George stated that all the Town's playgrounds are up to current safety and accessibility codes.

CPA Funding Applications



Cow Path & Nathan Cushing Homestead Restoration Align Demand Biggsesed the application and shared bids for the removal of major overgrowth between a double stonewall area of the Whiting Fields called the "Cow Path". Clearing this section will also allow access to the tentan Cushing Homestead area and pave the way for future pathway projects. A drone overhead view of this section of the land was presented.

History Room & Archives Project Norwell Public Library: Jeanne Ivas, Library Board of Trustees, Wendy Bawabe, Historical Society. Wendy and Jean discussed the need for the History Room in the new Library. Many of the oldest bibles and ledgers are currently stored incorrectly. This new room will be temperature controlled and humidity controlled to properly preserve these Town treasures. The new Town Library is set to open in the Fall of 2020.

Gaffield Park, New Parking Accessibility lot only (Option A 40K) and Gaffield Park, New Parking Accessibility Lot in conjunction with refurbishing/expanding on the existing parking lot (Option B \$130K). George Grey explained both Option A and Option B for the parking lot/lots at Gaffield Park. Minimally, George is requesting funding for the Accessibility Lot but also submitted a request, considering the condition of the existing parking lot, for refurbishing of the existing lot and at the same time adding the New Accessibility Lot.

Citizens Comments and Questions and Answers:

Beau Dyer, requested help for securing a place for the Samuel Sargent Stetson House.

Vin Bucca, Main Street, discussed the possibility to appropriate funds when properties are purchased to maintain the properties. The CPA responded they are not at liberty to maintain properties. Mr. Bucca mentioned he would like to see more children involved. Norwell Cares Days was mentioned.

Motion; made by Bob Norris to access the historic reserve and appropriate the money for the Historic Jacob Farm House project renovation in the amount of \$330,743.00. seconded by Aleta Scully and Genevieve Davis. Unanimously voted.

Approval – Meeting Minutes and Vouchers

Motion; made by Deb Stuart, seconded by Aleta Scully, to approve the minutes from November 21, 2019. Unanimously voted.

Next Meeting Date:

December 19, 2019. Norwell Town Hall, 345 Main Street, 7pm. Room 112

Adjourn:

Motion; made by Aleta Scully, seconded by Deb Stuart, to adjourn at 8:55pm. Unanimously approved.

