

TOWN OF NORWELL

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Community Preservation Committee

REMOTE Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

The Community Preservation Committee was called to order by acting Chair Bob McMackin at 7:02pm. Also present were, Bob Norris, Rachel Wollam, Deb Stuart, Brendan Sullivan, Chris Greeley, and Patrick Kelly. Guests included Peter Morin, Town Administrator; Glenn Ferguson, Highway Supervisor; Sarah Grady NSRWA/Mass Bays; John Difrisco, Norwell Athletic Field Committee; Mathew Keegan, Superintendent Schools; Warren MacCallum, Director of Finance, Operations & Technology. The meeting was held via zoom. The meeting was recorded.

Administrative Matters

Motion made to accept the Agenda of January 20, 2022 as written. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote, show of hands.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of December 16, 2021. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote, show of hands.

Vouchers

Motion; made by (Bob Norris) to pay the following vouchers that were presented by the administrative assistant seconded (Brendan Sullivan) and passed unanimously 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Jacob's Farmhouse Project	\$ 92,274.82
Jam –Wompatuck Parking Lot	\$ 93,100.00
Pathfinder Tree – Cushing Homestead Marker	\$ 5,800.00
Horsley Witten Wompatuck Parking Lot	\$ 2,272.48
Gaffield Parking Lot	\$ 14,509.44
East Field Pathway	\$ 5,137.20
CPC Coalition Dues	\$ 4,350.00



Peter Morin and Glenn Ferguson discussed the project and explained why they believe this project is eligible for CPC funds. The path-walk connectivity to recreation trails and its consistency with similar projects in town are the primary reason for eligibility. Mr. Morin will follow up with Town Counsel.

Review 2021-2022 Applications

Jacobs Pond Dam and Fish Ladder Improvements

Sarah Grady from NSRWA/Mass Bays presented the following project. The Town Highway Department and Conservation Commission would like to complete design and permitting of a fish ladder and dam improvements at Jacob's Pond. In July 2021 the Town received a dam inspection report that noted deficiencies in the Jacobs Pond Dam. The Town is also working with the North and South Rivers Watershed to install a fish ladder at Jacob's Pond after three dam removals downstream on Third Herring Brook to allow river herring to reach the 62 acres of habitat in the pond. Preliminary design will be completed by the Spring of 2022, funded with a grant from NOAA and funds allocated to the project through the Conservation Commission. These funding sources can provide a match for CPC funds for design and permitting, to be completed from Spring 2022 to Spring 2023, depending on speed of permitting agencies. Funds from NOAA (26K) and the Conservation Commission (30k) must be used for work related to the fish ladder, some of which dovetails with needed studies and permits for the dam improvements. However, additional CPC funding is needed to complete work on the dam. Long-term plans include enhancing access and public outreach at Route 123 with a platform for herring counting and fishing.

Clipper Community Complex Restrooms

John Difrisco presented this application. Due to unforeseen delays and increased construction costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to meet State Plumbing requirements; this article is seeking additional funding in support of the "Permanent restrooms for the Clipper Community Complex Article approved at Town Meeting July 2020. This project would provide much needed rehabilitation to the restroom facilities at the Clipper Community Complex. A combination of community hosted events and recreational use have rendered the portable toilets currently in place inadequate. Further, special needs, elderly and handicapped individuals continue to be challenged when using the current configuration of portable toilets. The final facility will consist of 7 toilets and 3 sinks for Women, and 2 toilets, 3 urinals and 3 sinks for Men in a footprint of approximately 755 square feet. This will provide the minimum area to make the building ADA and code compliant. Glenn Ferguson would like to know who will be running this project? Mr. Keegan, Superintendent of Schools, believed John Maurice would run the project and also shared some of the details still need to be worked out with Peter Morin, Town Administrator.

Annual Report Update

Kristin Ford, Administrative Assistant has been working with accounting on this year's numbers and also on the Annual Report that is due late February. The documents will be ready for the Committee's review at our next meeting.

Liaison Reports

Brendan Sullivan Pathway Representative shared the opening of the Wompatuck State Park Norwell Parking lot has opened. There is quite a bit of planting that will be completed in the Spring but otherwise the access and lot is open to the public.

Future Meeting Date

February 3, 2021 location TBD

Adjournment

There was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:03pm. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote, show of hands.

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