



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE January 24, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Details: 6:00 p.m. Town Office Building, First floor hearing room

Members Present: Wendy Reed, Graham Bacheller, Jack Haley, Tim Cronin, Bob Janes, Gary Bill, Doug Mead (by remote participation), Angus Jennings (ex Officio)

Others Present: None

Agenda Items:

1. Eligibility and Funding Applications for Cemetery Clean up

Bob Janes presented applications for clean up of the Quaker Cemetery on behalf of the Historic Commission. The Eligibility application was approved unanimously. Additional information was needed for the Funding application, and Janes will update the application for consideration at the next meeting. The project will be submitted for consideration as a warrant article for Annual Town Meeting to the Select Board.

2. Eligibility Application for Pickleball Feasibility Study

Wendy Reed presented an application for Eligibility of a Pickleball Court Site Feasibility Study on behalf of the Select Board. This project has the support of the Park and Recreation Commission and Council on Aging. The application was approved unanimously. The Funding application will be considered at the next meeting. The project will be submitted for consideration as a warrant article for the Special Town Meeting to the Select Board.

3. Eligibility Application for Sawmill Brook Trail Design and Permitting

The application is being submitted by the Select Board given that the property is town owned. The Town's Land Agent and members of the Open Space Committee and Mill Pond Committee are the primary proponents of the project, however. After discussion about which category the project should be designated, a motion to approve the Eligibility as a Recreation project was unanimously passed. The Funding application will be considered at the next meeting. The project will be submitted for consideration as a warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting to the Select Board.

4. Discussion of Member BCC priorities

Members reported on the priorities of their respective BCC as follows:

Open Space Committee – Sawmill Brook trails, Mill Pond all access trail

Planning Board – Establishment of affordable housing, trail maintenance



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Conservation Commission – Drainage and access improvements to Riverbend Conservation area, restoration of the Indian River bridge

Housing Authority – Expansion of the current housing capacity

Historic Commission – Digitization/protection of existing historic documents and artifacts. Audio documentation of veteran's experiences. (Commission did not formally discuss these priorities prior to this meeting).

Select Board – Design and permitting of river access at the River Rd Conservation Area, evaluation of the Mullen property for the creation of affordable housing units, digitization of historical records.

Park and Recreation Commission – Restoration of Cammett Field area, creation of pickleball courts. (Commission did not formally discuss these priorities prior to this meeting).

5. Revision of Community Preservation Plan

Reed will revise the existing plan to incorporate the previously noted priorities. This will be distributed prior to the next meeting. Members will review and be ready to vote on a final 2024 plan at the next meeting. This will form the basis of the public hearing in March.

6. Planning for Public Hearing

The meeting will be held at the March CPC meeting and cover the updates to the CP Plan. A remote option will be offered.

7. Review of September 21, 2023 and December 21, 2023 minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

8. Review of financial report

No comments or discussion

9. Next Meeting – the next meeting will be February 22, 2024. Discussion items to include:

- a. Funding applications for the Quaker Cemetery clean up, Pickleball Court Siting Feasibility Study, Sawmill Brook Design and Permitting.
- b. Consideration of transfer of the Community Housing funds to the Affordable Housing Trust and Review of the CPC-AHT Grant Agreement
- c. Discussion and approval of the CP Plan
- d. Planning for the March Public Hearing

10. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by unanimous vote.