

CPC Minutes
January 5, 2015

Present: Jim Natle, Les Squires, Betsy Loughran, Megan Manitsas, Wilbur Quirk, Nancy Bachmann, Linda Leduc, Peg Louraine

Absent: Judy Healy

Call to Order: 7:09 p.m.

1. Nancy Bachmann was introduced. She is filling the Housing Authority seat.
2. The minutes of December 15, 2015 were approved as presented. (5/0/3).
3. Wilbur handed out a summary of the applications. See attached.
4. We will have approximately \$300,000 this year.
5. **Projects:** Members generated the following questions/comments about the proposals. The Lead Person is responsible for getting answers to these questions over the next month.

- **Sidewalks for Old Town Hall**

Are sidewalks historic?

A recent court rule was that sidewalks don't qualify for CPC funding; however, the steps might qualify. It seems like the project is deferred maintenance.

How are sidewalks normally funded in Belchertown?

The Committee felt that the project is not eligible.

- **Parson's Field Stonewall Rehabilitation**

It's not on the National Historic Registry, and has not been determined by the local Historic District as historic. It isn't in the Historic District. It would be the Historic Commission that would have to designate it as historic. As far as Les knows, the Commission has not considered the issue. He will talk to Steve about the issue.

There's no cost share listed. Mr. Williams needs to calculate the cost share.

Can the project be phased in over several years?

- **Interpretive Trail for the Belchertown State School.**

What's the likelihood of getting the grants? Would a CPC grant be returned if the

grants did not come through?

Need more detail about both the process by which it will be developed and the type of signs.

Need an advisory committee with Dept of Developmental Disabilities, consumers, family members, former staff.

Does Phase II need more money? What's the scope of the entire project?

Where would the actual interpretive trail be? What is Phase I?

- **Rehabilitation of the Basketball Court**

This proposal is a lot cheaper than a new court.

The court is definitely in bad shape.

We are down to one court right now as one was demolished to make room for Jessica's Playground.

It's a good location across from the Police Station.

How long do they think this renovation will last?

Is the current plan ok for school use as it doesn't have a fence?

- **Holland Conservation Project II**

They did receive the \$130,000 grant.

Why the Feb. town meeting date? We don't like to make decisions until May, particularly given how tight the budget is.

What will happen to the M&M trail? Will it be relocated?

Are all the costs included?

- **Gravestone Restoration Project:**

Vince Viglione has an excellent reputation in completing past projects.

- **Clapp Memorial Library South Window Restoration.**

We would like a history of CPC funding as well as a summary of where unfinished projects are. Last spring we said that we would not fund new projects

until old ones were finished.

We would like a clearer presentation of the budget.

Julie Sloan is an excellent person to do the appraisal.

Explain the timing more. How much work can be done in 2016? In 2017?

Where does this project fit with other priority needs such as the roof? What is the source of funding for the other needs?

- **Everett Acres Window Replacement**

Peg has researched whether or not the project fit the eligibility criteria. She thinks that it does fit.

There's a new director who's reviewing the status of all the projects.

Can the project be phased in? Is there a possibility of another HUD grant?

We think the maintenance budget isn't accurate. What is the total cost of the project? The numbers don't add up.

- **Grantham Group"**

Wants \$50,000 this year.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

7. The next meeting is January 19, 2016.