

Community Preservation Committee Minutes
Feb. 21, 2017

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10
2. There are two additional projects: Both came in on time.
 - 7A) Backstop from the Rec Committee
 - 9) Assessor's office \$2,000 to preserve tax records.
3. We have a verbal request from Leeanne Connolly for \$2,750 for an updated appraisal for a federal grant for the Mader Town Forest. She wants to know if we will accept a late application. She didn't get the local land grant and needs the appraisal updated in order to submit a federal application. She has a bridge loan from Kestrel that will pay for appraisal if we can pay the loan back after town meeting. The Committee agreed that the proposal falls within the guidelines because a significant opportunity might be lost if we don't support the request. (Squires/Delgado 7/0/0).
4. The minutes of January 3rd were approved (Louraine/Squires 6/0/1). The minutes of February 7th were approved (Leduc/Squires 5/0/2).
5. A bill for GoDaddy for the domain renewal (\$20.17) was signed.
- 6. Review of the FY 18 Budget.** See attached.

What we have available is \$467,780 in unreserved funding plus we have \$31,468 in open space, \$34,276 in historic resources and \$93,533 in community housing. Historically we have not spent estimated receipts for unreserved funding until next year. However, we have spent the 10% reserves estimated for the current year.

Next year we must pay approximately \$124,000 in debt payments for the Parsons Stone Wall, the Town Hall, and Jackson Farm.

There was considerable discussion as to the accuracy of the numbers. One issue is that \$40,000 was returned by HAP housing. The question is whether we want to continue holding some of the \$40,000 for possible future projects. Overall the consensus is that we have \$15,000 available this year in community housing so we could reserve that money for them. However, the reserve would be for FY 18 year only.

For next year we have: \$62,000 in the three reserve accounts and \$343,780 in reserved or \$406,604 in total. The bottom line is that we are able to fund all the projects submitted.

7. There was a consensus that the following projects will be supported with the exceptions noted: The formal votes will be taken later.

- 1) Tri Lakes: \$15,000
- 2) Mt. Hope/South/Rural Cemeteries: \$9,975
- 3) Chestnut Hill Scoreboard: \$18,000 (There are still several members questioning this item.)
- 4) Chestnut Hill Goal Posts for Soccer/football \$2,000
- 5) Rehab of Chestnut Hill Track \$2,455
- 6) Chestnut Hill Cronk Field fencing \$14,833 (The Committee wonders why this hasn't been fixed years ago; again there isn't unanimity on this one.)
- 7) Chestnut Hill Softball front dugouts \$3,400 (Wilbur will find out whether it is just the outfield fence)
- 7A) Chestnut Hill Softball (near track) dugouts, \$3,400
- 8) Everett Acres Window replacement \$98,589 (The Committee's issue is why the Housing Authority hasn't put aside enough money for these over the years.)
- 9) Board of Assessors historical tax records \$2,000

Funding for the Scoreboard, the fencing and the windows will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

It will be critical for people to come to town meeting and defend their proposals.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15