

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

January 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:09.

Present: Jim Natle, Linda Leduc, Megan Manitsas, Eric Wojtowicz, Peg Louraine, Alex Loss, Michael Hofler, Wilbur Quirk

We reviewed the January 15th minutes. There was a discussion about the Mader purchase/Holland Glen land with the survey money request and changing the minutes. It was decided to leave the minutes as they are.

Motion to accept the January 15th minutes with some minor changes. Peg made the motion and Linda seconded the motion (7 – 0 – 1 Michael abstained as he left the January 15th meeting at 7:30).

Warrants must be drafted by February 20th. This deadline used to be in March. Jim will talk to Jill to make sure we have our allocation dollars for the next meeting.

Current projects:

Project #5	Disc Golf at Piper Farm Phase #2	Michael
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After a very long discussion on the many issues, it was decided (through Wilbur) that the FOTR group would withdraw the grant application. They include:

- There wasn't any letters of support from the town.
- Wilbur had a conflict of issue problem.
- The scheduling of the abutters meeting hadn't taken place.
- The timing of when this project would be done.
- What programs would be in place.
- The amendment to the original grant request.

This project will be voided.

Project #1	Mt. Hope Cemetery Gravestone Restoration	Wilbur
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- Wilbur received the assessors map information from John Whelihan, the Chairman of the Assessors department.

Project #2	First Time Homebuyer Workshop and Down Payment assistance program	Megan
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- Megan sent an email to Gina Govoni asking for letters of support from prior clients.
- The HAP group will also have to redo their grant since the money must come back to the CPC group from the open grant that they presently have.

Project #3 Hope United Methodist
 emergency power backup
 generator Peg

- Peg has reached out to the applicant that the grant did not meet the CPA guidelines. This grant is voided.

Project #4 Dubois Forest 39.7 acres Eric
 South Gulf Road

- Erica Cross did not get the state land grant for this project.
- Erica Cross will look for other funding sources

Project #6 Lake Wallace Sensory Trail -
 Phase #1 Alex

- Alex is not here tonight so we don't have an update on this project.
- A discussion about the Christopher Heights "connection" took place. Some think that this is not accurate to make this statement.

Project #7 Cold Spring School
 Playground Handicap access
 ramp Wilbur

- This project does not qualify under the CPA guidelines.
- Wilbur will send a message to the applicants that the grant is voided.
- This does not fall under recreation because the entire community would not benefit from this project.
- It should be a school capital project.

A Beaver Management plan for
Lake Arcadia, Lake
Metacomet, and Holland
Pond Linda

- Linda addressed all of the questions with this project.

Project
#9 Belchertown Fair Building Nancy

- This project does not qualify under any of the 4 CPA sections.
- Nancy will have to tell the applicant that this grant request has been denied.

Project
#10 Cemetery Field Work -
Setting Bounds, Pins & Stakes Peg

- The numbers have changed to \$10,650 (total expense) and \$650 for the cost share portion. The CPC portion is now \$10,000.

Project
#11 Belchertown United Church
of Christ Elevator Jim
18 Park Street

- We have set a precedent already on accepting these grants from churches.
- Jim will talk to the CPA coalition about the church vs. state issue.

Project
#12 Chestnut Hill ramp Jim

- The Belchertown Park and Rec did send in a grant request for \$19,360 before the deadline. Questions arose about the 10 copies that are needed.
- The total expense was \$19,360, the cost share is \$2,904, and the CPA amount was \$16,456.
- Jim will send the electronic copy to everyone.
- Jim will ask Kyle to come to the meeting.

Minutes:

Wilbur will send the December 4th minutes, the December 18th minutes and the January 15th minutes to the town clerk's office.

Invoices:

We have no invoices to approve.

Wilbur will not be at the February 5th meeting. Eric will be taking the notes if Nancy is absent.

A motion was made by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Megan seconded the motion.

Our next meeting will be on February 5, 2019.