Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday March 6, 2018

Members Present: Peg Louraine, Eric Wojitowicz, Alex Loss, Jim Natle, Linda Leduc, and Megan Manitsas

Community Members: Laurie Shannon, Sue Everden, Alesia Fugere, Debbie Wood, Larry Davis, Pat Griffin, Kathy Neal, Sean D, and Bonnie Strickland

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Community members addressed the committee regarding the Pickleball Courts proposal. The location may be a problem as it will be built in an out of the way area could become overlooked and not kept up.

Pickleball is growing in popularity. It is a sport inclusive of player over 50 years. All ages can play. Mainly in the spring and summer and fall, but also in winter for the polar players. It will be utilized by adults and the risk of it becoming overlooked is not as great, because the adults overseeing have a vested interest in keeping it in working order. It will also come under the purview of the Recreation Department. Therefore, oversight should not be a concern.

A Resident, Sean D, addressed the committee regarding the Town Clock. Since the repair, the clock bell rings on the hour every hour and this is troublesome to him. It was recommended that he address the Board of Selectmen concerning this issue as the Community Preservation Committee has no oversight of the clock.

Public Address system still doesn’t have the Belchertown Historic District Bylaw Commission letter of support. Time is of the Essence and Raymond Janke needs to get this completed and submitted. We can put forth this project on the condition that this approval is submitted. The building permit for this project will also require this approval as well.
The application for the Recreational Trails Grant is due April 1, 2018 and Doug Albertson intends to submit an application for the Lake Wallace Carriage Grove Trails. The project still seems to be up in the air. We may be able to fund some money as a demonstration of Town support in order for Doug to use this in his applications for other grants.

Jim will have the warrants ready for the next meeting to be voted on.

Approval for meeting minutes from Tuesday, February 6, 2018 and March 6, 2018

Moved: P. Louraine; Second: E. Wojitowicz.

Motion passed 5-0-1

Meeting minutes from 2/20/2018 and 3/6/2018, to be approved at next meeting.

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 9:17

Moved: P. Louraine; Second: L. Leduc

Motion passed 6-0-0