

CPC Minutes

February 3, 2015

Present: Judy Healy, Linda Leduc, Peg Louraine, Megan Manitsas, Jim Natle, Les Squires

Guests: Michele Ricker and Beth Adams (Skate Park Committee)

Call to order: 7:10 p.m.

No Budget update

Skate Park Discussion

Letters of support were late because committee had a busy fall and deadline for applications was earlier than expected.

They have requested more letters; still waiting for those

The Park is doing well; new pieces were installed in the Fall. The park is 2/3 to 3/4 complete. The Skatepark group has been in touch with the Jessica's Boundless Playground group regarding methods of fundraising. JBP is a non-profit group, so different rules apply. Skatepark is a town committee and cannot fundraise.

Both parents and children use the skatepark.

CPC requested a current layout of the park; what equipment is the SP committee hoping to purchase with this grant? The SP committee thought maybe a bike rack and some shelter for the park users from the weather. The CPC needs to know exactly what we are being asked to fund.

Michelle will send pictures to CPC by regular mail and electronically.

The Skate Camp flyer was just an example of potential things they could use to garner more community support. They hope to have a Jamboree in May, a kind of grand opening.

Regarding the Port-a-potties, the SP Committee funds those through donations; they are NOT part of the grant application.

Regarding funds needed: \$20-30K for ramps; \$5K for a shelter of some kind; perhaps solar lighting (no estimate yet) (General discussion of pros and cons of lighting the SP). CPC suggested that the American Cancer Society helped to fund dugouts for shelter at Little Fenway; SP could request help from the DPW for regarding the parking lot (adds to "in kind" services).

2014 fundraising for SP has brought in about \$1500; they were too late to get a space at the fair; mostly jars in town businesses. General discussion of fundraising ideas.

Board of Assessors

Les reported that Jay is looking for a consultant and the plan for public access to the electronic records is to have a dedicated computer and monitor in town hall for people to use.

NESFI

No update yet

Cemetery Field Work (DPW)

Judy talked with Steve Williams; the two estimates (\$18K and \$8K) differ because one of them seems to include surveying. The CPC felt that surveying would be critical since placing bounds would be difficult without a proper survey. Steve said he could request less money if it would simplify things. There has been no town support for keeping up these cemeteries, so he turned to CPC.

Does this fall into an allowable category for CPC? General discussion of applicant's statement that "genealogical researchers and town records" would benefit.

Judy will ask Steve how they can consider doing the work without a survey.

Donald Freeman Barn

Family illness has put their project on the back burner. Linda is waiting to see if he gets back in touch with her before the next meeting.

Veterans' Graves Officer

All good. No questions from CPC.

Conservation Commission CR Fees

General discussion of Conservation Restriction requirements and funding costs. There seems to be no way to anticipate the amounts of these costs until the properties are purchased. No further update.

Clapp Memorial Library

Have not used previous year's grant because "the building is being evaluated." We do not know what the "evaluation" is for, and CPC wondered if giving money for this year's project makes sense before knowing if there are structural issues or other problems with the building.

Regarding the credentials of the contractor for the elevator project, the only response was that they were planning to use Worcester Elevator Company.

Regarding partial funding this year, the response was that they would have to do more fundraising.

General discussion of “Evaluation of the building.” Les will inform the library that they cannot use previous year’s funding for anything other than the purpose for which it was granted.

Les will find out what funds the Friends of the Library are providing for this year’s project.

Jessica’s Boundless Playground

No questions remain to be answered. Their application is complete.

Grantham Group

CPC was satisfied with their presentation. General discussion of TIF and benefit to the town.

Hope United Methodist Handicapped Bathrooms

No update.

Minutes of 1/20/15 – approval tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting we will get a consensus on each project and consider dollar amounts that may be granted.

Linda will miss meetings on 2/17 and 3/3.

Next meeting: 2/17/15 – 7:00 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.