

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 8, 2020 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Longmeadow High School Room A15

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Minutes of January 8, 2020

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, William Harbison, Ron Manseau, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, Sheri Knight, Don Holland and Steven Weiss.

Guests: Alex Grant, Finegan O'Connor, Joseph Szcapanek and Jessica Szcapanek

1. **Approval of minutes from December 19, 2019 CPC Meeting:** Minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. **Report from the Chairman:** Chairman Weiss offered the following information as part of his report to the committee:
 - a. We have been notified by the State CPA organization in Boston that \$20 million additional dollars will be added to this year's local CPA allocation. The exact amounts have not been announced yet.
 - b. The Chair reported that Dave Marinelli has formally withdrawn his application (2020-2) for \$20,000 for public shade tree replacement. Chairman Weiss noted that this was a very principled action. The committee agreed by consensus to communicate with the State CPC our committee's trees on the "right of way".
 - c. It was reported that Dr. Metz, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee, noted that just one of our 2020 applications overlapped with theirs and that was the Blueberry Hill School Play Ground Equipment Replacement (2020-8).
 - d. Chairman Weiss reported that Alex Mitreski, sponsor of application (2017-4) Blueberry Hill Playground, would not agree to withdraw that application, even though no work has been done and the quotes were much higher than expected and well beyond available funding. A motion was made to authorize Chairman Weiss to communicate with Alex that it is the consensus of the CPC that the money for project 2017-4 should be returned and for him to re-apply for funding in the future for consideration without prejudice. The motion passed 9-0.
3. **Discussion of Application 2020-4: Skate Board Park on Town Owned Land:** Alex Grant presented the details of the grant with assistance from Finn O'Connor and Joseph Szcapanek. The funds are being requested to do design work as well as legal liability research. Once the research phase is complete, it is anticipated that the group will come back to the Town for funding to construct.
4. **Review and Voting on the 2020 Applications:**
 - Blueberry Hill School Playground Equipment Replacement (2020-8): A motion was made and seconded to approve the project for \$233,000. The motion was defeated 0-9.

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- Russell Field Erosion Project - Phase Two (2020-1): A motion was made and seconded to approve this project for \$20,000. The motion passed 9-0.
 - Japanese Knotweed Management Plan (2020-3): A motion was made and seconded to approve this project for \$4,800. The motion passed 9-0.
 - Skate Park on Town Owned Land (2020-4): A motion was made and seconded to approve this project for \$15,000. The motion passed 9-0.
 - Russell Field Softball Diamond Improvements (2020-5): A motion was made and seconded to approve this project for \$40,545. The motion passed 9-0.
 - Community House Roof and Gutter Repair (2020-6): A motion was made and seconded to approve this project for \$120,000. The motion passed 9-0.
 - Storrs Library Roof Replacement (2020-7): Questions arose concerning the amount requested and the source of the funding coming 100% from the Town. Would there be Library Trust Fund money that could be used to offset some of this expensive project? It was agreed by consensus to hold off voting on 2020-7 until our next meeting. Clarification about availability of library funds to assist with the project will be sought in the mean time.

Chairman Weiss will review our CPA funding pocket reserves and make a proposal as to which pocket should be used for each of the approved projects.

5. **New Business:** There were several items to be discussed.

- a. CPC Administration: Steve met with Marisa. She reviewed her files with Steve and he noted that the records were all in good order. Once Steve has confirmed the next steps with Paul, he will present a plan for finalizing hiring a replacement.
- b. No final reports have been submitted for review.
- c. Several interim reports have been submitted. We will review those at the next meeting.
- d. John Bresnahan will attempt to get a final report from the original Knotweed project from several years ago.

**** The committee agreed to meet next on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30PM at Greenwood Center in the meeting room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Arlene. Miller