

## Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: April 11, 2019 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Longmeadow Council on Aging Meeting Room

Approved as corrected at the May 1, 2019 meeting

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### Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of April 11, 2019

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

Absent: Donald Holland and Sheri Knight

Guests: Mark Gold, Chairman Select Board, speaking for himself, not the Select Board

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#### 1. Approval of minutes from January 29, 2019 CPC Meeting

- Minutes from the January 29, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

#### 2. Report from the Chairman: Chairman Weiss provided a few updates and they included:

- Chairman Weiss shared news from the CPC Coalition that renewed efforts to increase the CPC matching funds seem to be gaining traction.
- Chairman Weiss has met with several town financial oriented committees about the CPC proposals to be presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Both the Select Board and Finance Committee “approved” the articles as presented.

#### 3. Preparations for Town Meeting: Mark Gold, speaking for himself and not for the Select Board, shared his thoughts about the best way, in his opinion, to fund the rehabilitation of the Wolf Swamp Road athletic fields. He explained that Article 16 on the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant, calls for borrowing 1.5 million dollars for that project and paying off the bond using a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override mechanism. This mechanism requires a 2/3 vote at town meeting and a majority vote at the next general election. Mr. Gold presented language for an amendment to Article 16 which would allow the town to borrow 1.5 million (or an amount needed) but pay off the bond using cash from Capital Planning and CPC (2/3 and 1/3) over the course of 9 years. There was an extensive discussion about the pros and cons to each of the two proposals for Article 16. Several important points were made and they include:

- All agreed that there is widespread community support to rehabilitate the Wolf Swamp Road fields.
- There were questions raised about the project such as who is in charge (?), what is the final plan (?), what is the order of construction (parking first or fields first) (?), what is the real cost (?), how does the \$330 of CPC funds already allocated for the project fit into the projected cost (?), how will the fields be maintained (?), should the CPC money previously allocated for the ring road associated with the fields project be returned to CPC, since that design has been altered (?).

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- All agreed that everyone needs more information in advance of the Town Meeting so that this project can move forward in a responsible manner.
- Chairman Weiss suggested that he, as Chair of the CPC (CPC being one of the funding sources for this project) should call a meeting for all interested project partners and discuss these questions. A date of May 1, 2019 was chosen for that meeting.

#### **4. Review of Outstanding Projects: Final Reports**

- Storrs Library Window Project: 2017-13: A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by Ron Manseau to approve the final report as presented for this project. The motion passed unanimously.
- Historical Society Climate Control of the Storrs House Museum Project: 2017-2: A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Linda Glenn to accept the final report as presented for this project. It passed unanimously.

#### **5. Review of Outstanding Projects: Quarterly Progress Reports:** Several quarterly progress reports were submitted and all look OK. No vote was required to accept these reports.

#### **6. New Business:** There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Minutes submitted by Arlene C. Miller