

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee
February 20, 2008
7:03PM
Longmeadow Police Department – Community Meeting Room

Meeting Notes

A meeting of the Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) was called to order at 7:03PM on February 20, 2008 in the Community Meeting Room at the Longmeadow Police Department.

1. **Members Present:** Bill Hoff, Arlene Miller, Roy Johansen, Betsy Port, Steve Gazillo, Kate Tobin, Peter Bouvier and Dennis Egan.
2. **Future Meetings:** The next CPC meeting will held on February 27, 2008 in the School Committee Meeting Room at Longmeadow High School at which time the CPC will vote on the construction of Town Meeting warrant articles for those CPA Funding Applications that have been approved by the CPC.
3. **Public Comments:** The following members of the public were present and made comments:
 - a. Mark Wojcik (90 Colony Road) spoke on behalf of the Colony Hills Neighborhood Association (CHNA). Mr. Wojcik explained that one of the missions of the CHNA is the protection of the neighborhood. Mr. Wojcik also explained the commitment that the CHNA has made in the past towards preservation and protection of the street lamps and signs in the Colony Hills neighborhood.
 - b. Bill Ravanese (18 Pleasantview Avenue) spoke in opposition to the synthetic field project, as proposed by the Longmeadow Youth Sports Council (LYSC). Mr. Ravanese expressed concern that the proposed field would be in close proximity to the emergency water wells. Mr. Ravanese also expressed his concern that the LYSC’s proposal has changed several times such that the initial proposal has been materially altered.
 - c. Helen Murphy (625 Laurel Street) spoke in favor of the Community House painting and balustrade project, as proposed by Town Manager, Robin Crosbie. Ms. Murphy expressed her support of historic preservation and preservation and protection of open space.
 - d. Moira Murphy (19 Tecumseh Drive) spoke in opposition to the Turner Park project, as proposed by the Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Murphy voiced her concern that the infrastructure in the park could not support development and that the wetlands would be endangered by the proposed development contained in the Master Plan. Ms. Murphy also stated that any development may pose a safety and security problem in the park. Ms. Murphy also spoke in opposition to the CHNA project. Ms. Murphy feels that the CHNA should pay for its own street lamps and signs.
4. **General Discussion:** Bill Hoff informed the CPC that all Town Meeting warrant articles must be complete and submitted on or before February 29, 2008.
5. **Town Counsel Opinion:** Bill Hoff discussed the notes he took during his telephone conversation with Town Counsel relative to the CPC’s request for Town Counsel’s opinion on the legality of various CPA funding applications

(2007-1, 2007-2, 2007-3, 2007-6 and 2007-8). A written opinion of Town Counsel will be available at a later date.

6. **Consideration of 2007 CPC Funding Applications:** The CPC considered the following CPA Funding Applications and took action as noted below:

2007-1

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented. Motion defeated: 8 opposed; 1 in favor (Kate Tobin).

2007-2

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented. Motion defeated unanimously.

Several CPC members expressed their thanks and appreciation for the work done by the LYSC and encouraged the group to continue to seek funding for the existing athletic fields in town.

2007-3

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented. A second Motion was made and seconded to amend the original motion by bifurcating the CPA Funding Application so as to consider the painting and balustrade work as separate funding requests. Motion defeated: 6 opposed; 3 in favor (Becky Townsend, Bill Hoff and Roy Johansen).

The original motion to approve the project as presented was then voted upon. Motion carries: 7 in favor; 2 opposed (Bill Hoff and Roy Johansen).

2007-6

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented. A second Motion was made and seconded to amend the original motion by approving the project at 50% of the requested funding so long as the CHNA achieves local historic status within 24 months. Motion carries: 4 in favor; 1 opposed (Dennis Egan); 3 abstentions (Arlene Miller, Becky Townsend and Kate Tobin)

A motion was then made and seconded to approve this project, as amended. Motion carries: 4 in favor; 3 opposed (Becky Townsend, Dennis Egan and Steve Gazillo); 2 abstentions (Arlene Miller and Kate Tobin)

2007-8

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented. Motion defeated: 0 in favor; 8 opposed; 1 abstention (Becky Townsend).

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

-Notes taken by Dennis Egan