

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Remote Meeting

Approved as presented at the September 23, 2021 meeting

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of January 12, 2021

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

Guest: Bianca Damiano, Administrative support for CPC
Dave Marinelli, citizen proposing a future CPC housing project

1. Approval of minutes from December 16, 2020 CPC Meeting: A motion was made by Don Holland and seconded by William Harbison to approve the minutes from the December 16th meeting as corrected. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed with Sheri Knight abstaining.

2. Report from the Chair:

a. The issue of “conflict of interest” training was brought up. Bianca explained that the Town Clerk requires that each committee appointee take an on-line conflict of interest training. The Clerk has made that information available to us on line. Bianca also informed us that both Sheri Knight and Arlene Miller’s CPC term expire in 2021.

b. The Chair reported that he had been contacted by Pete Landon regarding the use of CPC Wolf Swamp Road Field (WRF) project funds, either existing or additional funds, for the purpose of building granite curbing in the parking area of the Fields. After a brief discussion, it was agreed by consensus that CPC funds are not permitted to be used for curbing.

c. Jeff Rintoul reported that the Park Board has made a decision to not plow the parking area near the Wolf Swamp fields in an effort to restrict access to that area now and perhaps going forward. He also reported that the field reconstruction project is moving along.

d. Chairman Weiss invited Dave Marinelli to speak briefly regarding his idea to have the Longmeadow CPC partner with the Springfield Habitat for Humanity to either build or rehabilitate a home in Longmeadow. There was a general discussion about this proposal. Several ideas were offered. In addition, Linda Glenn had spoken to the director of the Springfield Habitat and shared some additional information. She said that Habitat is currently “backed up” with projects. Land purchase would be difficult unless the lot was donated. A Habitat applicant must be at 30-60% average income level of the town in which they would be living. She represented that habitat was interested in the proposal but cautioned that we needed to be realistic about the restrictions and significant amount of work this sort of project would require. Dave Marinelli offered his assistance to help make this idea continue to move forward.

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3. Review of and voting on this Year's Applications:

- **Application 2021-1: Wolf Swamp Playground Replacement: \$190,000 requested.** A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by John Bresnahan to approve this project for \$190,000 to be funded from Open Space and Recreation and undesignated funds. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by a roll-call vote.
- **Application 2021-2: Storrs Library Children's Room Upgrade: \$21,000 requested.** A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by William Harbison to approve this project for \$21,000 to be funded from the Historic Preservation fund. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by a roll-call vote.
- **Application 2021-3: Community Gardens Irrigation Upgrade: \$3,530 requested.** A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Linda Glenn to approve this project for \$4,000 to be funded from the Open Space and Recreation fund. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by a roll-call vote.

4. Review of Outstanding projects:

a. Final reports: It was clarified that any funds being returned from completed projects would go back into the fund from which they originally came.

- **Bliss Park Playground resurfacing (2019-11):** The final cost of this project was \$109,000 with \$9,489 being returned. A motion was made by Don Holland and seconded by Linda Glenn to accept the final report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with a roll-call vote.
- **Turner Park Softball Field Improvements (2019-2):** This \$33,000 project was completed with \$4,606.72 remaining to be returned to CPC. A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by John Bresnahan to accept the final report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with a roll-call vote.

b. Progress Reports:

- It was noted that no progress report was received from Alex Mitreski about the Blueberry Hill field modification project. The Chair will touch base with Mr. Mitreski in advance of our next meeting.
- Home Modification Project: It was reported that \$77,000 of the \$125,000 has been spent. This award remains active until the funds are depleted.

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5. **New Business:** Jeff Rintoul and others commented on the amount of work being done at the WRF. All were happy to hear about the progress being made on this project.
6. **Next meeting Date:** No date was set for our next meeting. It was agreed that we would plan to meet again in late spring.

A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by William Harbison to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by Arlene Miller