

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 19, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Public meeting-- Longmeadow High School Room A15 and remote

Approved as corrected at the May 18, 2022 meeting

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Meeting notes from January 19, 2022 Public Hearing

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, William Harbison, Don Holland, Ron Manseau, Dave Marinelli, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, and Steve Weiss.

Guest: Bianca Damiano, Administrative support for CPC
Andrew Berke, Chairman Park and Recreation Board
Mary Beth Bergeron, Chairman Town Building Committee
Alex Grant, Skate Park working group
Kristin Carnahan, Park Friends Group volunteer
Fran Cress, Park Friends Group volunteer
Shawn Schrage, Longmeadow Softball Association
Mary Beth Bergeron, Chairman Town Building Committee
Tom Ewing, Building Committee
Margaret Rakas, Park and Recreation Board
Pete Landon, citizen
Lyn Simmons, Longmeadow Town Manager
Corrin Meise-Munns, Longmeadow Assistant Town Manager

Chairman Steve Weiss called the public hearing to order at 7:07PM. He reviewed the goals and procedures of the Public Hearing. This hearing is a requirement under the CPA . Each application will be presented for comment by the public. No votes will be taken by the Committee at this meeting. The Chair reported that there are 12 applications for review with a total request amount of \$1,066,819.

Discussion of applications:

- 1. Application 2022-1: Stained Glass Window Preservation for \$80,000.** No comments were offered.
- 2. Application 2022-2: Survey of Pre-1911 Structures for \$10,500.** No comments were offered.
- 3. Application 2022-3: Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study of Bliss and Laurel Parks for \$75,000:** Fran Cress gave a statement in support of the project. Margaret Rakas requested to have a member of the park Board on the project committee.
- 4. Application 2022-4: Wolf Swamp Fields: Edgerly Building Upgrades and Field Amenities for \$108,700.** Pete Landon, Andrew Berke and Mary Beth Bergeron spoke in support of this project. Ms. Bergeron sited the need for ADA upgrades to the building.

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5. **Application 2022-5: Window Replacement at Center School for \$300,000 from CPC funds and \$700,000 from other sources.** Mary Beth Bergeron, Chair of the Town's building committee spoke against this proposal. She said there are 350 windows in Center school. Ms. Bergeron felt this request was premature and suggests hiring a carpenter with mechanical skills to fix several of the windows. She also noted that two new vinyl clad windows have been ordered, which will provide additional information.
6. **Application 2022-6: Fence for Richard Salter Storrs House for \$19,619.** No comments offered.
7. **Application 2022-7: Riverfront Conservation Area Surveying, Landscape mapping and permitting for \$8,500.** No comments offered.
8. **Application 2022-8: Skate Park Construction Proposal for \$350,000.** Alex Grant, (project proposer), Cooper Rich (High School student) and Andrew Berke (Chairman of the Park Board) all spoke in favor of this project as presented. Mr. Berke said that the Park Board supported the project for many reasons but in particular because it offers more diverse and unique recreational activity.
9. **Application 2022-9: Community Gardens Pollination Habitat and Birdhouse Project for \$1,500.** No comments offered.
10. **Application 2022-10: Glenbrook Field Improvement Project for \$65,000.** It was noted that these fields might be the site of a future new middle school but that would not become a reality for 8-10 years. It was also noted that the Town has recently completed a \$120,000 sprinkler system upgrade to the baseball field area. The Park Board supported this project.
11. **Application 2022-11: Playground Glider Project for \$38,000.** No comments offered.
12. **Application 2022-12: Old Town Hall Restoration for \$10,000.** Mary Beth Bergeron spoke in favor of this project, noting that the scale has been reduced from \$400,000 to \$10,000. The revised proposal reflects a change in scope and new information that additional funding might be available for restoration of this very historic building from State and/or Federal entities.

Chairman Weiss thanked everyone for their participation and comments and adjourned the public hearing at 8:20PM.

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller