

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: September 2, 2020 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Remote Meeting

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Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of September 2, 2020

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

Absent: Don Holland

Guest: Bianca Damiano, Administrative support for CPC and Alex Mitreski, grant applicant for the Blueberry Hill School Field Project

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- 1. Approval of minutes from July 8, 2020 CPC Meeting:** Minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Report from the Chairman:

a. Chairman Weiss had spoken to Town Council about the acceptable procedure to transfer the approved \$100,000 dedicated to a "ring road" as part of the Wolf Swamp Road (WSF) field project. Town Council recommends that the Committee place an article on the October Special Town Meeting warrant to take the appropriate action to transfer these funds from the "ring road" expenditure to the Wolf Swamp Road field project general fund. This \$100,000 would increase the amount of funds contributed by the CPC to the project to a total of \$400,000. A motion was made by Steve Weiss and seconded by Jeff Rintoul to read: "I move that the CPC submit a warrant article to the 2020 Fall Special Town Meeting saying that the 2018 Annual Town meeting Warrant Article #23 be amended to provide that the CPC funds allocated in the amount of \$100,000 not be designated toward a "ring road", so called, but remain allocated to the improvement of the Wolf Swamp Fields. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Jeff Rintoul reported on the status of the bidding portion of the WSF project. He noted that the project has been out to bid. Responses have been returned and the lowest bidder came in under the approved funding amount. However, it was also noted that the bid has not been awarded yet because some issues have arisen relative to the low bidder. It is anticipated that this project, once the bid is accepted, will be completed by May 2021. No further update was available.

c. Discussion of the Blueberry Hill Field Project (2017-4): Alex Mitreski, grant applicant, joined the meeting and provided an update on the status of the field project. In brief, Alex reviewed the history of the project, bringing us up to the current status. The bid quote, solicited by Longmeadow DPW, projected an increase in the total project cost from \$40,000 to over \$100,000. Alex explained why he felt this quote was artificially high. He explained that the bulk of the cost increase was due to expenditures related to flattening the hill to create a standard soccer field. After a long discussion, it was agreed that what is really needed in the space is an irrigation plan and seeding to help make that unplayable space a decent play space. The committee recommended that Alex submit an amended and downsized plan to the CPC, which includes just irrigation and seeding but no field design. He was

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encouraged to speak to DPW about this approach and to ask the company which provided the first

quote, for an update. The Committee decided by consensus, to take no action on this matter at this time.

Review of Final Reports:

- a. **Project 2019-1 (Russell Field Erosion Project):** \$51,188 is remaining from this completed project and will be returned to the CPC account from which it originated. A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Bill Harbison to approve the final report as submitted. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote of 8-0.
- b. **Project 2015-8 (Invasive Species Management Project):** \$10,650 is remaining from this completed project and will be returned to the CPC account from which it originated. A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by John Bresnahan to accept the final report as written. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote of 8-0.
- c. **Project 2019-4 (Bliss/Laurel Parks Landscape Plan):** This project is complete and there are no funds remaining to be returned. Bianca reported that the file is very large. Therefore she will provide us with a link to the report. A motion was made by Ron Manseau and seconded by John Bresnahan to approve the report as submitted. The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote of 8-0.

4. New Business:

- a. It was decided that the next meeting would be held virtually on September 30, 2020 at 7PM.
- b. Update of the use of CPA funds for "Rental Assistance": Don Holland and Ron Manseau had done some preliminary research on this issue and sent around a few documents for the Committee to review. They reported that \$4,000 could be allocated over a 12-month period. This money may not be used for Mortgage assistance. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Committee did not have enough information to take action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by Arlene Miller