



Community Preservation Committee

550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Committee Attendees

William Scarpelli, Chairman
Mary Dunn
Judy Grecco

Members Not Present

Jonathan Chu
Maryann Brugnoli
Jeffrey Poirier

Committee Attendees Via Zoom

James Coulter
Tom Burke

Other Attendees

Kenton Greene

Opening

Chairman William Scarpelli opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Discuss status of approved Town Meeting Warrant Articles

- **Article 22 – Sylvester Field Conservation Restriction**

Ann Lee noted the Conservation Restriction is pending approval of the Board of Selectmen; the Selectmen were interested in allowing animals to graze on the field. Wildlands Trust noted livestock would either be transported in and out or have the benefit of some temporary type of shelter. Grazing is included in the restriction. There are approximately four-six parking spots that will be created at the site. Committee member Mary Dunn noted she attended a celebration at Sylvester Field sponsored by Wildlands Trust and the former owner of the property attended and spoke on the history of the property. She further noted that Wildlands Trust removed all the overgrown foliage on the wall.

- **Article 23 – Carriage & Sleigh Restoration**

Committee member Judy Grecco noted the carriage has been completed, it came out remarkable, and is back on site at the cost of \$7,500; the remaining funds approved will be paid once the sleigh is restored. The restoration of the sleigh is anticipated to be completed sometime in December. Chairman Scarpelli inquired if there are any plans for a ribbon cutting? Mrs. Grecco noted Stephen O'Neill may do something on a Saturday in October with a couple other existing carriages and they are available to be viewed on Facebook.

- **Article 24 – Rail-Trail Development Phase I**

Ann Lee reported she attended a meeting with DPW Director Victor Diniak, Deputy Superintendent Kurt Kelly, Selectboard member Steve Louko, CPC member Mary Dunn, and

Conservation Agent Sandy MacFarlane. At the meeting it was decided that Kurt Kelly would apply to DCR regarding the use of the land. After DCR received the application they reported back that the land is not under their control; Steve Louko then reached out to DCR and it was determined that the land is under their control. DCR will review the application and get back to us.

Discuss 2022 proposed Applications

Chairman Scarpelli noted no applications have been submitted as of yet; it is anticipated there will be an application submitted by the Affordable Housing Trust; and there could be an application submitted for lighting for some of the ball fields at Forge Pond Park; they are looking at the costs associated. There could also be an application submitted for a playground at Forge Pond Park; maybe this year or next year.

Resident Ken Greene spoke on the preservation of Town documents noting he would like to have the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Library Director and Historical Commission involved; he further noted there is Federal and State Grant money available for these types of projects. Mary Dunn noted the Town Clerk's Office received CPA funds for the preservation of Town documents; Ken Greene noted that he will follow-up with the Clerk.

Ann Lee reported the Capital Budget includes the use of CPA funds for Sylvester and Salmond schools for FY 23 thru 27.

Mary Dunn noted she is going to do an application for funds for trail improvements, just about all the funding previously received is gone.

The Committee discussed the reconfiguration and future use of B. Everett Hall (BEH) Field; potential future projects include bocce courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, bathroom facilities, parking area, and a playground area. The Parks and Recreation Committee would have to be on board with any project at BEH. The current courts at BEH Field need repairs. The Committee discussed submission of an application for Step 1 of the project which would include a professional drawing of a comprehensive facility. The Committee discussed the current uses of the field including Hanover Day.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:18 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lee*