



Community Preservation Committee

550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Committee Attendees

William Scarpelli, Chairman
Mary Dunn
Judy Grecco
Jonathan Chu (arrived 7:13 p.m.)

Committee Attendees Via Zoom

James Coulter

Members Not Present

Maryann Brugnoli
Jeffrey Poirier
Tom Burke

Other Attendees

Stephen O'Neill
Steve Louko
Ann Lee

Opening

Chairman William Scarpelli opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. noting the Committee does not have a quorum; no votes will be taken until a quorum is present.

Receive and Review the 2022 Application Received.

Chairman Scarpelli reported the following four applications were received:

- Transportation Collection Restoration Project
- B Everett Hall Park Development Study
- Trail Improvement Projects
- Forge Pond Park Lighting Investigative Study

Chairman Scarpelli further noted at tonight's meeting we'll hear from the applicants of the Transportation Collection Restoration Project (Stephen O'Neill) and the Trail Improvement Projects (Mary Dunn) and at our next meeting we'll meet with the applicants for the B Everett Hall Park Development Study and the Forge Pond Park Lighting Investigative Study.

Stephen O' Neill met with the Committee and provided an update on the Carriage and Sleigh Restoration project that was approved at last year's Town Meeting. Mr. O'Neill noted Whitey Corriera completed the 19th Century Carriage and it looks beautiful; the Sleigh is from the 1880's and is currently being restored by Mr. Corriera and should be completed in a few weeks.

Mr. O'Neill reported this year's application is strictly for restoration of two small sleighs, one of them a typical little Albany type sleigh from the late 19th century a classic example of the type of sleigh that you see all around that would be used for winter travel. The other sleigh is a much smaller

version of the Pung sleigh that's being restored this year. This is a little working sleigh designed for one person, one horse and is able to store some materials in the back. The main part of the restoration fund is for a hay wagon. The hay wagon came from the Philips estate; we received many of the pieces from the estate. The hay wagon has probably never had any work done to it, since it was brought to the Stetson house in 1995. The wheels are not attached, but we have the front back and back wheels and the shafts that were original to the hay wagon. The original paint is still on the hay wagon, the wagon is a small square about 8'5" long by 4'5" wide; it has removable posts along the side for holding massive amounts of hay in the wagon.

Mr. O'Neill noted this is the second application submitted to help conserve and restore pieces; and we have received very good feedback on the work that has been done by Whitey Carrera. He further noted they want to promote attention to some of the larger pieces that are in their collection to encourage ideas for the future and how to display these pieces, whether in parades or on display in various areas. Mr. O'Neill also noted they have the Gleason Peddler's Wagon and the Philips company wagon, the doctors' buggy and the surrey, and a basic oxcart that's just a simple dump cart which are all from the 19th century. Mr. O'Neill informed the Committee that they are in talks and beginning to plan for how they will celebrate and commemorate Hanover in 2027. The Committee inquired on where these items will be stored once they're completed. Mr. O'Neill noted they have been storing them in the lower barn and in the carriage house further noting, the lower barn actually stays fairly temperate and they put canopies and car tarps over them; the carriage house and barn are both unheated with no climate control but we bring them out at least once a month to wipe them down and make sure no mold or anything is on them. Chairman Scarpelli suggested that the refurbished items be on display for a couple of weeks prior to Town Meeting so residents can see what the funds are being used for.

Chairman Scarpelli asked Committee member Mary Dunn to provide an overview on the Open Space application submitted for the Trail Improvement Project. Ms. Dunn reported the request is for funding for materials and possibly some labor; we have been working with Wildlands Trust on a lot of projects recently and that has been very helpful, it brings a lot more volunteers to the table, and they have good expertise on how to do things. We went through our list of things and came up with a list of priorities and figured out what we would like to get done on the trails over the next two years, with the cost of wood, equipment, signage as well as some of our signs need repair and some places that don't have signs we totaled up to our request to \$14,500. Ms. Dunn reported they sent out an announcement today about work that we're going to be doing at Chapman's Landing with Wildlands Trust. We're using some grant money from the Indian Head River Coalition and some of the leftover money from our last grant money from CPC to put in a boardwalk. Ms. Dunn reported she had spoken to someone who had done viewing platforms for Wildlands Trust who could take a look at the area and give an idea of whether it was doable at Chapman's Landing including how much it would cost but they never got back to her. It's a very difficult place to build on because of where it is and it's a long way in to truck materials in; we discussed floating materials in and since it's right on the River there, but that would be challenging too. Chairman Scarpelli suggested that Ms. Dunn seek out estimates for the viewing platform to be included with this application. Steve Louko noted he would be in favor of the viewing platform project.

Chairman Scarpelli noted at the next meeting the Committee will meet with Alan Peterson and members of Parks & Rec regarding the applications they submitted.

The Committee voted to approve the October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Scarpelli requested that Ann Lee contact Tom Burke regarding the Affordable Housing Trust application.

Ann Lee provided an update on the Stetson House HVAC application from 2013; noting the parts have been ordered and the work should start soon; there is \$11,800 to complete the project.

Chairman Scarpelli suggested that Stephen O'Neill display the pieces refurbished with CPA funds be put on display so residents can see where the funds are being used further noting we could make that a condition of funding. Committee member Jonathan Chu suggested adding a sign to the display noting the project was completed with CPA funds. Committee member Mary Dunn suggested displaying them at the Sylvester School property. The Committee discussed displaying the pieces at Winterfest. Committee member Judy Grecco will mention this at the Historical Commission's next meeting.

The Committee discussed the possibilities of the B Everett Hall project including the addition of Bocce courts, a pavilion and moving the baseball field. If the application is approved a Committee will be formed to develop the project.

Steve Louko reported the Washington Street Conservation Restriction has been received by the Select Board, there were a couple of questions about the parking area. We had a site visit with people from Wildlands Trust to see where they were going to put the entry way and the parking lot. The solution that works is to widen the entry in the wall and to make the parking area to the left; to the right of the entry they felt it was too sloped and it would take too much fill to level it off.

Next Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lee