

Community Preservation Committee

December 5, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

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The following minutes are from the meeting of the Hanover Community Preservation Committee held Wednesday December 5, 2012.

The following Committee members were present: Diane Campbell, Wally Kemp, Mike Holland, Richard DeLuca, Frank Brierley, Jonathan Chu and John Goldthwait.

Bill Scarpelli was absent.

The Chairman Diane Campbell opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Committee waived the review and acceptance of the November 14, 2012 meeting until their next meeting in December.

The Chairman opened the public hearing to hear comments from the public concerning the use of CPC funds for fiscal year 2014. The Chairman then opened the meeting to comments on specific applications before them as follows:

- Hackett's Pond Dam Restoration – Victor Diniak, DPW Director discussed the history of Hackett's Pond and the dam. He explained that the DPW had used Amory Engineers to do an assessment and draw up plans for the restoration of the dam. Mr. Diniak then went over more specific details about what work needed to be done on the dam to ensure its function for the future.
- Recreation, Trail and Historic Site Maps – Les Molyneaux of the Historical Society gave a brief background on the project and explained that he is hopeful that the project can be a joint effort between the Open Space Committee, Conservation and the Historical Commission. Hal Thomas from the Open Space Committee said that the Open Space Committee was in favor of the project.
- Historic Collection Accessibility – Les Molyneaux of the Historical Society explained the project to the Committee. He suggested that this project was a continuation of the previously funded Historical Society Collections restoration project. Jonathan Chu expressed some concern about the security of the collections if these documents are posted on the internet. Mr. Molyneaux explained that the equipment would be used by volunteers on the Historical Society.
- Stetson House Carriage Shed Restoration – Don Morrison spoke to the committee about the project. It was determined that the building was built less than fifty years ago and therefore would not qualify for historic funding.
- Preservation of Historic Cemeteries- The CPC Coordinator gave the Committee an update on the project. This request is for funding to complete the last two phases of the overall historic cemetery preservation project.
- Open Space Purchases – Hal Thomas from the Open Space Committee explained that the Open Space Committee had determined that they would not be recommending the purchase of the properties at Myrtle Street or Center Street at this time because the appraisals for these two properties had come in lower than the owners were willing to accept at this time. He also explained that the OSC did want to pursue the property at Webster Street. Diane Campbell asked if the OSC had plans for allowing for parking and access to any trails that might be

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developed. Mr. Thomas indicated that they were looking into the best locations for the public to access. The current owner, Tom Pecarraro addressed the Committee and said that he is very interested in working with the Town on this purchase. He also indicated that he did have others who were interested in purchasing the property.

- Stetson House Dehumidifier – Don Morrison from the Overseers of the Stetson House spoke to the Committee about this request for funding. The Overseers have determined that humidity levels in the Stetson House were an issue and they were concerned about the conditions and how they could affect the items that were stored in the building over time. Jonathan Chu asked if the Board had considered looking into a more comprehensive climate control system for the building. Les Molyneaux of the Historical Society mentioned to the Committee that the Stetson House was under the facilities manager now and was mentioned in the recent Building Study.

Rich Deluca made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Wally Kemp seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Hoffman

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