

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION MEETING

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2014

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brian Wall, Tom Whalen, Kevin Cantwell, Tim Russo, Bill Ivey, David Paliotti, Kerry Richardson. Absent: Dan Donovan.

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Hassett, Jessica Hassett, Lia Driscoll, Maryann Boothroyd, Andrew Boothroyd, Mike Devine, Karen Ahola, Erik Vaisey, Jason Chiusolo, Marian Duksta, Bud Duksta, Craig Alvey, Russell Ellis, Josh Recuperero, Kevin McLaughlin, Tom Reynolds, Ryan Stark, Sarah Pitzo, Brenton Gammon, Martine Anderson, William Lyons, Sheila Gagnon, Gregory Morse, Mary Pavlu, Derek LaSalle, Patrick Forsyth, Paul Boyce, Mark Stiles, Michael Roche, Bailey Swan, Martha Swan, Austin Hale, Tommy Donnelly, Caleen Alexanderson, Matt Collins, Ian Boothroyd, Johnny Tetrault, John Schiavo, Kathleen Tetrault, Karen O'Donnell, Dan Hassett, Chris Cunio, Adrienne Vigilante, Doug Russell.

MOTION: Chairman Brian Wall called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., second by Bill Ivey. All in favor.

1. Project Application Presentations

Skateboard Park

- Chris Cunio said the Skateboard Park project has received letters of support from 40 individuals and financial commitments from local businesses.
- Chris Cunio said because it is not an organized sport the park use cannot be measured in precise numbers. Chris Cunio said that according to Ned Bangs its use is second only to the beaches as the most used recreational facility in Marshfield.
- Chris Cunio said there are over 4,500 kids in Marshfield and most of them own a skateboard, bike or inline skates as it is a low barrier sport.
- Chris Cunio said the new skate park design will utilize the 10,000 square foot existing foot print, a performance stage, shade shelter and concrete, low maintenance construction.
- Chris Cunio said they are willing to do a 75/25 split with CPC on hard features and BRAT Landscaping will commit to ongoing landscaping at a cost of about \$4,500 per year, Levitate will do daily trash maintenance.
- Chris Cunio said other changes will include moving Brooks Singer sign, Uncle Bud rock, and add signs for Bob Pollard and Skateboard Alliance.
- Chris Cunio responded to CPC inquiry on costs to repair and said they can replace skate lights but can't do the transitions as they are no longer manufactured, and it would cost about \$99,000 to replace what equipment is there.

- Doug Russell said part of the existing spectator seating will be repaired and the skaters perform a lot of the maintenance.
- Brian Wall asked the youths in attendance how they feel about opening up the park to other uses and they said it is like that in Hingham which is a better park, it allows them to meet new friends, etc. The youth said the existing park doesn't flow well.
- Mark Stiles, a real estate attorney, said a new skate park will enhance the real estate value of the area.
- Caleen Alexanderson, a parent, said her son brings his skateboard everywhere and having the park is a great tourist attraction.
- Jason Chiusolo said skateboarding taught his timid son how to succeed through failure in just one summer, something years of youth sports couldn't teach.
- Ann Pollard said her brother Bob Pollard would be very excited that businesses, residents, and boards are coming together to keep kids outside and develop programs to teach kids responsibility.
- Josh Recuperio, owner of BRAT Landscaping, said he grew up in Marshfield and would go to Duxbury, Boston, then Scituate to skate and if we build it, they will come.
- Ryan Scott said he is 28 years old and skateboarding has taught him a lot of things, that the 10 years he has been using the park have been some of the best in his life.

Senior Center

- Greg Morse went over the senior center engineering plans and said he has spoken with the DPW about maintenance.
- Kerry Richardson asked if any surveys have been done on who would be using the facility.
- Sheila Gagnon said no formal survey was done and a needs assessment was done two years ago through U.Mass. Boston and noted there are not enough facilities for men which is how the project came about. Sheila Gagnon said they have 14 different types of exercise classes and the intent is to have instructors take people out and instruct them on using equipment.
- Carol Hamilton said the senior population grew 58.3% and there are over 6,100 seniors in Marshfield and the fitness class enrollment has gone up.
- Greg Morse said that 70% of the costs are for materials and 30% are for labor and machines or \$6,500 for materials and \$6,000 for machines per court.
- Greg Morse said the walking trails will be 6 feet in width, ADA handicap accessible, and provides grade and buffer for growth. Greg said it will cost \$67,000 to relocate the driveway and the reason for shift is because of the new level area and a switchback may not save money.
- Carol Hamilton said there are 82 parking spaces now and David Paliotti asked why they need 29 more.
- Martine Anderson said you can't find a space to park day or night.
- Brian Wall said is additional parking needed for this activity?

- Sheila Gagnon said parking is on the left for the walking trail, Greg Morse said exercise equipment can handle 14 users, plus bocce courts and putting green.
- Tim Russo asked if there are plans to expand the services or building? Carol Hamilton said they will do the second floor at some point and Sheila Gagnon said town officials have encouraged them to starting planning for the second floor.
- Sheila Gagnon said they just designated six additional spaces for handicap parking.
- Greg Morse said in designing the space they didn't want parking just for the senior center, they want it for the general population.
- Tom Whalen asked if any of the space is in habitat and Greg Morse said the NHESA has contingencies for outdoor areas and the exercise equipment is already in a disturbed area.
- Carol Hamilton said they do have an article in capital budget for parking.
- Sheila Gagnon said seniors are increasing in town and students are decreasing and they want to make the whole area more pleasant and they really need the parking.
- Martine Anderson said seniors today are not very old and if you have to bring your own equipment it would be safer to have parking.

Harbor Park

- Mike DiMeo said the cost of the new park will be \$432,500 based on the plans developed by Tricia VanBuskirk, a registered landscape architect. He said the area is north of town pier and has a ton of potential.
- Tricia VanBuskirk said the main feature of the new space is its topography and the natural amphitheater, a handicap accessible trail, a permanent lounge area with chairs, a slide, and area with a picnic pavilion, all handicap accessible with no grade change from parking.
- Mike DiMeo said it only requires a letter of intent for conservation, Kiwanis will maintain anything more than what the DPW currently does.
- Mike DiMeo said this will be the only handicap accessible park in the town.
- Mike DiMeo said Marine Fisheries has earmarked funds for dock on the South Shore and dredging will help with flooding in Brant Rock and for the fishermen, this will give each user group a piece of the pie on the waterfront.
- Mike DiMeo said they are asking for funding for permitting and engineering of a 2,500 foot long boardwalk.
- Mike DiMeo said the park is on 1.83 acres and the new Harbormaster buiding will provide facilities.
- Tom Whalen asked how the park will be affected if they don't fund permitting for the boardwalk and Mike DiMeo said it really doesn't, the boardwalk has less impact but its elevation will be two feet higher than the road and in the future could tie into the town pier park.
- Kevin Fowler, Safety Officer, said there is constant traffic on the road and it is very treacherous and contested with a 90 degree turn near the sewage treatment plant.

Kevin Fowler said a boardwalk would be a safety area and a painted bike trail could be added along Island Street, all adding potential access behind the restaurants and stores on Brant Rock Esplanade.

- Mike DiMeo said the Boardwalk costs are between \$1.5 and \$2 million. Lights and water could easily be installed from the power plant.
- David Paliotti asked if DiMeo has spoken to the business owners about helping with the costs and Mike DiMeo said they are all over it.
- Brian Wall asked if CPC funds the park without the \$135,000 for permitting would DiMeo ask town meeting for the funds and DiMeo said no as he has already submitted his five year capital plan.
- Tom Reynolds will serve as project manager of this project if approved as this is one of the projects he said they could approve.
- Tom Whalen said CPC would recommend adding \$10,000 to cover overruns of project manager costs and Brian Wall said it should be at least \$20,000.
- Steve Driscoll, president of Kiwanis, said they are behind this project and the biggest issue is safety of people.
- Ann Pollard said Harbor Park is one of the best ideas in town in years and that is very difficult to find waterfront places to go with handicap persons, and having handicap accessible parks really improves the quality of life.
- Bud Duksta said he applauds what the Harbormaster is doing and Peter Igo Park Initiative supports these efforts.
- Tom Whalen asked will parking become a problem if the park is a success.
- Tom Reynolds said there is a flat area near the dump for the dredge area that can be used and that permitting for the boardwalk could take up to 18 months so the sooner it is started the better.

Peter Igo Park

- Tom Reynolds said some of the \$240,000 has been spent on lighting and engineering and they are now looking for the balance of the funds approved by CPC. Tom Reynolds said bid specs have been put together for the whole project but can't be phased in without out all the funding in place according to town accountant.
- Tom Reynolds said they would like to have the funds approved through special town meeting to expedite the process.
- Bud Duksta said the tennis association will write a letter of intent for the \$35-50k grant funds upon sending out the bid.
- Tom Reynolds said he is continuing to act as project manager and they are all set to go to bid and he will keep the project request at \$240,000.

Playgrounds and Fields

- Tom Reynolds said this project still has a balance.

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- Tom Whalen said he does not want to reduce the funding because he is not seeing some of the stuff that was discussed with ADA compliance.
- Tom Reynolds said the Tower Avenue playground equipment is going to be ADA compliant.
- Tom Whalen said CPC can't pay for paint and striping and he thought ADA compliancy would be a big part of the project.
- Tom Reynolds said he was told to only spend \$35,000 on playgrounds and Brian Wall said that can be changed and Tom Whalen said no it shouldn't change.
- Tom Reynolds said the survey found lots of problems that need to be addressed.
- Tom Reynolds said Town Counsel has determined that playgrounds/fields are under the direction of the DPW.
- Brian Wall said we need a clarification on ADA expenditures from Town Counsel.

Pratt Property

- Karen O'Donnell said they are seeking \$16,000 for engineering fees and permitting for trails on the Pratt property that will provide access to the South River and are still waiting for direction on the house from the Board of Selectmen.
- Karen O'Donnell said there will be a small parking area off Willow Street, and ADA compliant trail, and a boardwalk or bridge over the stream to the uplan
- Karen O'Donnell said a canoe and kayak launch will be at Keville Bridge on the northeast side of the property and offer access to the South River. Karen O'Donnell said there is some sort of arrangement with CVS for parking and access to the Bridle Trail and Dandelion Park.
- Karen O'Donnell said the Pratt purchase was to further the Greenway plans and that Samantha Woods of the North and South River Watershed Association has potential donors to develop kayak access. Karen O'Donnell said this property can be a nice, natural setting for exposing people to the South River and not a highly managed property.

Cemeteries

- Tom Whalen said seniors have been photographing the stones and there are plans to scan all the 3x5 information cards.
- Tom Whalen asked to change his request so that \$13,550 of the funds for Winslow Burial Ground be approved at Special Town Meeting so that Daniel Webster's gravesite can be repaired immediately while the fence is down making the project easier.
- Tom Whalen said part of Daniel Webster's grave will have to be done with lead as that is the original material used.

MOTION: Brian Wall made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting at 10:59 p.m. Second by Bill Ivey. All in favor. Absent: Dan Donovan. Meeting adjourned.

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Open Meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Shanley, Administrator