



Town of Barnstable COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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Committee Members

Lindsey B. Counsell – Chair • Laura F. Shufelt – Vice Chair • Marilyn Fifield – Historical Commission • Terry Duenas – At Large • Sue Rohrbach – At Large
Stephen Helman – Planning Board • Tom Lee – Conservation Commission • Richard Sawyer – Recreation Commission • Deborah Converse – Housing Authority
Will Crocker – Town Council Liaison

Monday, November 23, 2015

Regular Public Hearing – Draft Minutes

367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA - 2nd Floor – Hearing Room

5:30 PM

Lindsey Counsell – Chair	Present
Laura Shufelt – Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield – Clerk	Present
Terry Duenas	Absent
Stephen Helman	Absent
Tom Lee	Present
Sue Rohrbach	Present
Richard Sawyer	Present
Deborah Converse	Absent
William Crocker, Town Council Liaison	Present

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair Lindsey Counsell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Chair Counsell then read into record: "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s.20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known." No one present was recording the meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Richard Sawyer, seconded by Tom Lee, to approve the Community Preservation Committee meeting minutes of June 22, 2015 as submitted. Unanimous vote to approve.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Letters of Intent

None

Applications/Presentations

None

Correspondence

None

General Discussion & Updates

Richard Sawyer, Recreation Commission, reported that the Centerville recreation project is being handed over to the DPW. The basketball courts were redone and there is new lighting as well; there will be an official opening in the spring. The skate park has been completed with new lighting. There has been good feedback on these projects. The Little League wants to use the Centerville fields as an instructional league because they now have two fields at the Laruso property. They are looking into the cost of redoing those two fields. Chair Counsell stated that the school is looking for additional parking, however it has not been his recommendation to use dedicated recreation land for vehicles. He said that careful planning will need to go into the designing as it is complicated.

Mr. Sawyer reported that at their next meeting, the Recreation Commission will be looking at the status of projects in a report they gave to the Town Manager in October, 2012. Most projects have been completed with the exception of Osterville Bay. The Little League has taken over the Laruso property. The Recreation Commission is planning to write another priority list mostly for the completion of projects. They will now be looking at things like parking lots at Craigville Beach. The resulting Recreation Commission report will issue sometime in the spring. Chair Counsell inquired if the Little League manages the field behind the Centerville Rec and if it is an instructional field. Mr. Sawyer stated that it is recreation land, but he does not know how it is presently being used. Mr. Sawyer reported that he has visited VWB Barnstable/West Barnstable. The tennis courts were moved up toward the parking lot to make them more accessible to people. There is a lot of school property and ball fields available here that reverts to recreation use after 3:00 p.m. and on weekends. Mr. Sawyer also reported that he received a report on the Lombard softball field. There has been significant progress addressing the concerns about lighting, drainage, and parking. They are considering moving Luke's Love playground down toward the Old Selectman's Building further so that more parking can be created. They will be going before Town Council with a CIP soon and probably before the Recreation Commission next month for some type of funding.

Chair Counsell said that there had been an inquiry about using CPC historic funds to restore the Craigville Beach bathhouse. Mr. Sawyer said that the Town funded that project with a CIP for \$400,000.00. The zoning regulations for height would not allow for a new facility to be built as they would have liked. They are instead rehabilitating the existing structure and will not be constrained as they would if CPC historic funds were used.

Sue Rohrbach reported that the Unitarian Church in Barnstable Village may be submitting an historic preservation filing with the Community Preservation Committee for church windows. The church has previously been approved and completed other work with CPC historic funding in the past.

Tom Lee, Recreation Commission, reported that the relocation of Luke's Love playground is going before the Conservation Commission on December 1, 2015. Dr. Lee said that he, Counselor William Crocker, and Chair Counsell went to the Sandy Neck ceremony two weeks ago. Chair Counsell mentioned that while there, they saw a snowy owl.

Marilyn Fifield, Historical Commission, stated that the Historical Commission has been concerned with the drainage issue at the Old Selectman's Building. Ms. Fifield wanted to ensure that with the relocation of Luke's Love playground, there would not be a negative drainage impact to the Old Selectman's Building property. Mr. Sawyer assured that drainage is one of the biggest concerns that they had in the design of the site and that they will use the construction of the parking lot as an opportunity to direct the water runoff to the back of the property and away from the Old Selectman's Building.

Vice Chair Laura Shufelt referred to the flyer that was provided in the CPC member's packet announcing an upcoming Community Housing Visioning meeting. The Town is in the process of updating the Housing Production Plan and the Town has hired a consultant that does a lot of community engagement. There have already been three focus groups

held and two future visioning meetings are scheduled: December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m at the Steamship Authority Conference Room; and, December 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Osterville Library. There will be interactive discussion and visioning as to where the Town wants to be with affordable housing and housing in general. Ms. Shufelt encouraged participation.

Ms. Shufelt reported there was a revision to State match funding as indicated in an e-mail to the committee members. Ms. Shufelt stated that the adjustment is because of previous mistakes made by the State's allocation of funds. Mr. Sawyer stated that in the past the funding was \$25 million, this year it is \$12.5 million reflecting the adjustment. Ms. Shufelt reported that the trust fund has been depleted because there are so many new communities coming in as well as a decrease in the funds coming in from deeds transfer. For the last 2 years, there were additional funds that were line items after the books closed: \$25 million 2 years ago, and \$12.5 million this year, so-called surplus money.

Mr. Sawyer inquired what information would be covered at the Community Housing Visioning Meetings. He stated that the forum at the Senior Center a year ago was very informative and wanted to know if it would be similar. Ms. Shufelt explained that for the Housing Production Plan, they look at the housing needs study and develop specific strategies to produce one half of one percent of affordable housing a year. The visioning meetings will be educational in part in order to bring people to a level of understanding, and then there will be an interactive discussion focusing on what kind of housing we need and where it should be located. The Growth Management Department is holding the visioning meetings with the housing consultant, Jen Goldman. All methods of reaching the public to inform them of the meetings will be utilized.

Dr. Lee, Conservation Commission, inquired if a report will issue after the visioning meetings. Ms. Shufelt explained that the Housing Production Plan first has to be approved by the Planning Board and subsequently approved by the State. There will be specific strategies contained in the Plan. Housing Coordinator, Arden Cadrin, of the Growth Management Department, is available to note comments or ideas that you would like incorporated if you are unable to attend the visioning meetings.

Chair Council asked the members to review the draft 2016 CPC meeting schedule. The schedule will be confirmed at the next CPC meeting. He introduced the new CPC Administrative Assistant, Ellen Swiniarski, to the other members.

Closing Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Richard Sawyer, seconded by Tom Lee, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm after a unanimous vote.

Next Regularly Scheduled CPC Meeting – December 21, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Swiniarski
Administrative Assistant
Community Preservation Committee