

MEDWAY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Mark Cerel, Chairman, Citizen-at-Large
David Kaeli, Vice Chairman, Citizen-at-Large
James Wieler, Citizen-at-Large
Ken McKay, Member Conservation Committee
Matthew Hayes, Member Planning and Economic Development Board
Gene Liscombe, Member Historical Commission
Paul Mahoney, Member Parks Commissioners
Alison Slack, Member Affordable Housing Committee
Tina Wright, Member, Open Space Committee
Ellen Hillery, Finance Committee Liaison

Approved: February 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2016
Medway High School Library

Call to order:

With a quorum being met, this meeting was called to order by Chairman Cerel at 7:35pm.

Committee members present:

Mark Cerel, Chairman, Dave Kaeli, Vice Chairman, Member Alison Slack, Member Jim Wieler, Member Paul Mahoney, Member Gene Liscombe, Finance Committee Representative Ellen Hillery and Administrative Assistant Shirley Bliss.

Guest:

Paul Russell, Medway Historical Commission

Discussions:

Historical Commission, Conversion of Town Records to Digital Media Paul Russell

Mr. Russell presented a request for CPA Historical funds in the amount of \$21,000 to be used to convert town records from approximately 1740 to 1914 onto microfilm and digital media. This money will allow 18 record books to be scanned and hand preserved.

It was suggested by this Committee that Mr. Russell look into what the additional costs would be to have records previously restored, scanned and uploaded to the Town Website. Mr. Russell will attend the February 2016 meeting where he will present the new price which would include the above mentioned items.

Flagpoles for Veterans Memorial at Matondi Square

Chairman Cerel asked Mr. Russell and the Historic Commission to look into determining if this Veterans' Park would and could be considered an historical area. The reason being that this area is an area of local historical resource. If this determination is made then CPA funds could be used to purchase these flagpoles.

Colonel Matondi is looking for a flagpole for each military division. Costs: approximately \$3,000.

Lee Property Acquisition

Jim Wieler

Mr. Wieler reported that this acquisition has been finalized and should be closing if not already closed at this time.

Briggs Parcel: Adams Street 11.39 acres Jim Wieler

Mr. Wieler updated this Committee on his continued discussions with Mr. Briggs concerning this piece of land. The land is important as it will allow the continuation of the trail currently in the works. Property also abuts the Lee Land, which the Town recently purchased.

The last appraisal done recorded the value at \$100,000; this also included a house lot. Since that appraisal it has been determined that there is no house lot due to wetlands, so Mr. Wieler feels that a fair price would be substantially less than that. He is dealing with Paul Harkey, Mr. Brigg’s real estate broker. Mr. Wieler will give this Committee an update at the February 2016 meeting.

MLTC Regional Conference Jim Wieler

Mr. Wieler reported that this meeting will still be taking place however due to the recent departure of the Executive Director it has been placed on hold for now.

Mr. Wieler will keep this Committee updated as to when they would like the meeting held, Medway Community Preservation Committee will host this meeting at The Thayer House

Chicken Brook Trail Design Jim Wieler

Beals & Thomas has completed their outdoor work as well as completed 15% of the design.

Mr. Wieler also updated the Committee on the Trails Task Force. This group is working closely with the residents of Iarussi Way; as they are very concerned about the trail running behind their homes. The Task Force is planning a coffee to meet with the residents and to inform them of what the plans are; and how they plan on having the trail not interfere with their homes.

It has been determined that there was a natural walkway on the original subdivision plan and this open space has been conveyed to the town.

At its completion the trail will be approximately one (1) mile long.

It was also discussed that the Trails Task Force is applying for a \$50,000 grant to help pay for the necessary boardwalk. Mr. Wieler asked if the CPC could put forward a recommendation at Town Meeting to support the required \$12,500 matching funds.

After a discussion it was determined that although the Committee is committed to funding this project, CPC can only recommend uses of monies and that Town Meeting would have to vote; which would be no help, as the grant deadline is February 2016. It was suggested that during the writing of the grant, the Task Force highlight the fact that CPC has already agreed to spend \$30,000 on this project.

Affordable Housing Alison Slack

Cutler Street:

This project is starting to garner interest. Housing Production Plan is in place and awaiting Board of Selectmen vote of approval.

Accounts Payable:

Starburst Printing and Graphics, Inc. \$638.00
Brochures of Open Space and Trails
Paid from November 2015 STM appropriation

Annual Report

Chairman Cerel will write – Shirley will forward a list of CPC’s 2015 projects.

Adjournment:

With no further business before this Committee, a motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn this meeting at 8:31pm.

Motion: Jim Wieler Seconded: Dave Kaeli Vote: 6-0-0