

MEDWAY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
155 Village Street Medway MA 02053

March 4, 2019
Medway High School Library Agenda

Approved: 6/3/19

Committee Members present:

Mark Cerel, Tom Emero, James Wieler, Matthew Hayes, Gene Liscombe, Deb Rossi,
Dave Travalini, Tina Wright

Absent Members: Alison Slack

Other Present: Ellen Hillery, Fincom

7:30 Annual Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss proposals for utilizing the Town's Community Preservation Act Funds in the following areas:

- **Acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space;**
- **Acquisition and preservation of historical resources;**
- **Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use;**
- **Creation, preservation, and support of community housing;**
- **Rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historical property, recreational property, and community housing that is acquired or created.**

Call to order:

With a quorum being met, this meeting was called to order by Chairman Cerel at 7:32 pm.

Chairman Cerel declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone had anything to add or comment. Ms. Graziano, Conservation Agent was present for the meeting and stated she would like to add funding for a proposed land management project to be developed by the Conway School.

Ms. Graziano explained that the Conservation Commission is requesting \$6,500 dollars from the Community Preservation Committee to fund a land management project for The Conway School. Ms. Graziano handed each member a proposal entitled **"Proposal for Conway School of Landscape Design" dated March 4, 2019**". Three possible projects were outlined:

#1 is the Amphitheatre Open Space and Management plan which involves a land design that addresses the clean- up of the area as well as addresses the stormwater issues they have been having which have eroded away portions of the site including trails. This plan would allow the

town to promote this area and have events there such as a canoe launch and other recreational activities.

#2 is a baseline documentation and planning for Conservation Management of Conservation lands.

#3 is a Trail Assessment and development for regional access to surrounding open spaces in Medway and to surrounding towns. This would be good for the students to look at.

Ms. Graziano stated that of the three projects she likes # 1 the best. She has reached out to the Conway School Projects Coordinator who was very interested in working with Medway. This could be a project for the Summer or Fall Sessions. Ms. Graziano stated she will reach out to the Open Space Committee for funding support as well. She stated the figure of \$6,500 was from information from 2016 and could have changed slightly since then.

Mr. Cerel asked Ms. Wright how much money is left in the fund. Ms. Wright stated there is about \$2,000-4,000, maybe even \$5,000. Mr. Cerel stated he thinks project # 1 is the most important and it's already underway. He stated they would not be making any decisions tonight and he would like Ms. Graziano to check with the Open Space Committee and also get a firm number on the price. Ms. Graziano stated the parking area will be framed off and soon and they will be able to see what else needs to be done.

Chris from the audience asked if they could post all of their meeting minutes to the town website. Mr. Cerel stated he is aware of this issue and they are working on that.

Mr. Cerel asked if anyone had any other questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Cerel declared the public hearing closed at 7:46pm.

Open Session

Mr. Cerel discussed housekeeping issues and stated the special town meeting is next Monday night. The schools are on the warrant for two playground proposals. They will need a report and our recommendation to give funds only if they use other funds first to fund the project.

Mr. Cerel went over the annual report. He stated he updated some things but some things have not changed since last year. He stated the town acquired and closed on the Ide house purchase in 2018. He stated the park project construction started in spring and was completed in fall 2018. He left in descriptive stuff about the trails. It was voted at the fall special meeting to extend the trail, observation platform and viewing area. He took out the reference to Cutler Street and updated West Street. He mentioned CPA in town and how much they received – he was surprised that we got almost 200k but the legislature came up with a surplus so it came to 196k last year. He asked the other members if there was anything he missed. Other members

suggested the Boston Post Cane Replica be made and placing Evergreen Cemetery on the National Registry of Historic Places.

• **Discussion and Possible Vote on ATM CPC Omnibus Article**

The Omnibus Article sets aside each year for: affordable housing; this is already a placeholder. The Historic Commission is not looking for more money; that leaves Open Space and Recreation.

• **Other ATM Articles to be funded from Community Preservation Fund**

Mr. Travalini stated he was at the last EFRAC meeting and stated Glenn was pushing for more turf fields. The other people at the meeting from various sports teams were just asking to fix the fields, they were not asking for new ones. Mr. Cerel stated that turf fields have a 12-15 year life and cost half million dollars to replace. Ms. Rossi stated that grass fields are very expensive to fix up as well. Mr. Travalini stated they said it cost about 250k to replace the grass fields. Mr. Travalini does not think it's a good idea to cut down trees for more fields especially when the number of children in town is declining. Mr. Cerel stated their funds cannot be used for the carpet part of the turf fields. Ms. Rossi asked if the Community Preservation funds can be used on sod and fill. Mr. Cerel stated maintenance and repair is prohibited. They could spend the money on improvements such as new lights.

Mr. Cerel asked Ms. Wright if they were looking for any additional money for the Amphitheater and she responded no.

Mr. Cerel made a motion to close the Open session part of the meeting and open the Executive Secession at 8:03 pm. Ms. Rossi seconded the motion and all were in favor 9-0-0 by verbal roll call.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak