

Community Preservation Committee
Rockport Police Station
June 14, 2016
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Ruth George; Vice Chair, Phil Crotty; Treasurer, Mel Michaels; Steve DeMarco; Bruce Reed; Mary Ann Lash; Ed Hand; Bethany Brosnan; Jim Ugone

There was a lengthy discussion about fixing the Long Beach Tennis Court. The vote on this was tabled until the August meeting in hopes that certain issues will be resolved by then. Ms. Sanders assured the Committee she will talk to Mr. Pratt about waiving the fee to get to the tennis court.

The Chairperson stressed to members that CPC is simply an advisory board. The residents of Rockport will ultimately make the final decision as to what projects they want approved for the town.

Ms. George read a letter from Mass Audubon in favor of the access ramp at Straitsmith Island. She read another letter from Paul St. Germaine that contained more information as to how the ramp will be built.

Ms. George read a letter from DPW in support of the Pigeon Cove Fire Station.

Ms. George reported that Harborlight Housing is looking to buy 5 Granite St. in Rockport. She mentioned this could result in an application from them next year for affordable housing.

Ms. George thanked Mr. Michaels for his excellent work on breaking down how CPC money has been disbursed in the past, and for what projects.

Mr. Parisi explained changes that have been made on the Harvey Park project. The new plan would be more expensive than the original application, and the church will be a co-applicant.

Mr. Michaels presented the Treasurer's report. A discussion was held regarding how much money should be kept in the CPC reserve fund.

Nine projects to vote on:

1. **Action, Inc.**
2. **Harvey Park**

3. **Pigeon Cove Basketball Court**
4. **Mill Pond Dredging**
5. **Straitsmith Boat Ramp**
6. **Pigeon Cove Fire Station**
7. **Pigeon Cove Fire Station and American Legion Boilers**
8. **Sandpiper Overlook**
9. **Long Beach Tennis Courts**

Ms George read a list of criteria that Committee members should take into consideration when deciding which projects to approve. Subsequently, each member took a turn to speak their opinion before the voting began.

MOTION: Mr. Michaels moved to table the vote on the Long Beach Tennis Court to the July 12 meeting subject to resolution of the toll situation and a welcoming sign to be posted near the road, Mr. DeMarco seconded. Vote was 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

Mr. Parisi decided to defer Harvey Park until next year in hopes of getting the full amount to complete the project.

MOTION: Mr. Michaels moved to vote \$300,000 to rehab the outside of the Pigeon Cove Fire Station, Ms. Brosnan seconded. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Hand moved to vote \$15,000 to the Sandpiper Overlook, Mr. Crotty seconded. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to vote \$42,000 to fix the Pigeon Cove Basketball Court, Mr. DeMarco seconded. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Crotty moved to vote \$20,000 to purchase boilers for both the Pigeon Cove Fire Station and the American Legion Hall, Mr. Michaels seconded. Vote was 1 in favor, 8 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. DeMarco moved to vote \$250,000 to Millbrook Meadows to dredge Mill Pond, Ms. Brosnan seconded. Vote was 6 in favor, 3 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Crotty moved to vote \$100,000 to the Straitsmith Island Committee to build a boat ramp for improved access to the island, Mary Ann seconded. Vote was 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Michaels moved to amend the amount of Action's application from \$75,000 to \$50,000, Ms. Brosnan seconded. Vote was 4 in favor, 5 opposed.

MOTION: Ms. Lash moved to vote \$75,000 to Action, Inc., Ms. Bethany seconded. Vote was 3 in favor, 6 opposed.

MOTION: Mr. DeMarco moved to accept the May minutes, Mr. Reed seconded. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

It was noted the CPC signs around town look great. Thank you Phil!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.