

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

Meeting: May 14, 2013

Place: Rockport Police Department

Next Meeting: June 11, 2013 7:00pm at police station.

Attending: Mary Francis, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels, Ruth George, and Bethany Brosnan, Julie McMahon, Paul Sena, Pat Edgerton.

Absent: Stephen DeMarco

Guests: Donna Marshall – Dept. of Recreation, Joe Parisi – DPW, Director

Millbrook Meadow Committee – Sam Coulbourn, Shannon Mason, Vice Chairman, Joe Parisi

Mary Francis, Chair, opened the meeting and the floor to anyone who would like to make a comment on any issues.

PINGREE TENNIS COURTS - Joe Parisi spoke regarding fine-tuning the requirements for the rehab of the Tennis Courts. He spoke additionally regarding the amount of \$100,000.00 that would be necessary to make the repairs. Maryann Lash questioned the experience the town has had with the contractors who are bidding on the work. Joe and Donna indicated that they had dealt with two of the contractors previously and had no issues and the work was completed as promised. A warranty will be requested for three years to cover any issues that may evolve with the work. Eric Hutchins spoke with regard to a rotting oak tree that should be removed before the work begins. Mary asked for any additional questions. Mary thanked the guests for coming and presenting the additional information to the committee.

MILLRBOOK MEADOW COMMITTEE –

Mel Michaels queried as to whether or not a design team would still be hired by the end of May. Joe Parisi addressed the question explaining that they are putting together an RFP, which will be sent to the Millbrook Meadow Committee for their review and will provide the information to the CPC and the public. Mel asked additionally how they would proceed if they are not able to obtain the funding they are requesting. Sam Coulbourn advised that the committee is working with \$120,000 now and hope to have the contractors and design team in place by August 2013. They are also soliciting private funding. Shannon Mason also specified that they are working on several grants and donors to assist in funding. Mel also spoke in light of the visioning meeting regarding the feasibility study. In addition, he spoke regarding the warrant article and the use of funding for construction. Mel Michaels additionally queried how the committee would raise close to \$550,000 to complete the project. Shannon Mason defined the long-term goal of raising funding. Additional conversation ensued regarding funding. Mel asked

whether or not the committee would have “hard numbers” by the July meeting. Joe Parisi indicated that the study would not be complete, however much of the information would be clarified. Sam Coulbourn indicated that the final plan is to make the meadow as useable to the public on a continuing basis without disruption. Mel Michaels spoke regarding the repair of the pond being done at the beginning of the project. Additional conversation ensued. Maryann Lash congratulated Mel Michaels for the work he has done for the project. She also spoke regarding her concern about the overall scope of the project. Conversation ensued. Sam Coulbourn spoke to quell the trepidation of the committee and the public. Mary asked regarding the studies that the CPC would need real clarification after they are complete. Conversation ensued regarding the length of time the existing permits would remain valid. Joe Parisi spoke regarding the importance of the studies. Julie McMahon spoke regarding the excitement the committee and the public has for this project. She felt it would be easier to obtain additional support when the studies were complete and the information was solid. Conversation ensued regarding all the necessary steps that must be completed within the first three years. Sam Coulbourn assured the committee that they would have solid information for the public before Town Meeting. Further discussion ensued regarding the timing of each phase of the project. Eric Hutchins indicated that the existing permits should be valid for 3-5 years. He also spoke regarding the feasibility study that is on track. He additionally felt that the project should be done sooner than later and not be piece-meal. Mary Francis spoke regarding the completed feasibility study, which is valuable, and the town would have for the future. Eric Hutchins also agreed that the feasibility would also open the door to additional funding. Mary thanked the Millbrook Meadow Committee members and Joe Parisi for their time.

TREASURER’S REPORT –

Mel Michaels reviewed the report with the CPC Committee and addressed any changes and revisions. Conversation ensued as to the feasibility of funding most of the requests. Mel Michaels spoke regarding saving and appropriating some funds for affordable housing. Maryann Lash spoke with regard to affordable housing. Mary also spoke regarding the proposed cost of building affordable housing is almost prohibitive. It makes more sense to maintain the existing housing. Further conversation ensued regarding the problem. Additional conversation proceeded regarding not appropriating large amounts of money for one particular project.

Mary asked the committee if they would be willing to vote on some of the applications in June, in light of one committee member being absent. Mary requested a motion. Mel Michaels motioned that CPC begin decisions on which applications to support at Fall TM in June. Ruth George seconded. *Motion carried.*

April meeting minutes- motion given by Ruth George and seconded by Pat Edgerton. Minutes were accepted with revisions. *Carried.*

Calendar for 2013 Application Review:

June – review and acceptance on some applications.

July – review and acceptance of balance of applications

A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by Julie McMahon. Mel Michaels seconded. ***Carried.***