

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2016**

PRESENT: Barry Johnson, George Sala, Penny Myers, Fred Bartholomew, Richard Anderson, Neil Langille, Daniel Doucette, Peter Holmes

EXCUSED: Andrew Cooney

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Rausch, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs, Barbara Thurston, Dave Pelonzi, Lori Cooney, Doug and Janet Butler, and other members of the public

Recording Clerk, Ann Gratis

B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and announced the Public Hearing will be next week in this room.

Review of CPA projects:

Housing Authority: Fire Suppression System - installation of wireless transmitters

B. Johnson: The funds for the monitoring can't be covered under CPA but we can do the transmitters.

Barbara Thurston: We need 8 at Roland Phinney Place. The cost was unexpected. We are asking for the purchase and installation only.

Cape View Way Update: The funding is a challenge as all the federal grant money is gone. We need to pursue tax credits to build it. A group of consultants will prepare it for us and they won't look at anything under 40 units. We're looking at 40-50.

F. Bartholomew: What is the status of the environmental study?

Barbara: It's complete. There don't seem to be any issues.

B. Johnson: There is still money left for this project.

Railroad station

Marie Oliva: We have scaled back to complete the interior of the building. There were seven holes in the floor that needed to be fixed. There will be historic photos on the walls approved by the Historic Commission. In the future we're going to apply for a grant from the Railroad Association.

R. Anderson: Will this finish the interior?

Marie: yes.

B. Johnson: On 3/22 the Historic Commission approved this project unanimously.

R. Anderson: Will you be back for more funds?

Marie: Yes, but we hope not as much. We will pursue other grants first and evaluate things more.

Neil: Will the Sheriff's Dept. help?

Marie: I'll pursue that but they have had cutbacks too.

Dog Park

Janet Butler, Stacey Barabee. We have formed a non-profit. There are 3,000 licensed dogs in Bourne. This would be an amenity to the Town. It will cost about \$250,000. We found a grant, Stanton Foundation, which will give us 100% of the design costs and 90% of the construction costs plus up to \$10,000 a year for three years for improvements. We just have to come up with 10% and eventually the land. Mashpee and Falmouth were very helpful with how they did it. The Friends of Bourne to Bark will oversee the park and day to day care.

D. Doucette: I spoke with Coreen and we're trying to locate a parcel, but she's busy.

R. Anderson: How large of a parcel of land will you need?

Janet: About 1.5-2 acres.

N. Langille: What is all the money going to be spent on?

Janet: There will be three sections, paving, infrastructure, water, fencing, peastone, etc. We are looking at in-kind services for clearing, etc. It's very much a people socialization area as well and therapeutic for elderly, disabled, etc. The Falmouth park is a very active place.

G. Sala: This will help as we now have dogs running in the fields and lots of feces with kids sliding into it.

Janet: We'd like it as central as possible, maybe near the high school, but it depends on what the Town has available. Greater maintenance would fall on the DPW. Day to day would be a stewardship program.

B. Johnson: The request is for \$25,000 as seed money. Would have to find the land before any money is spent. Are there time limits to the Stanton Foundation?

Janet: I can apply anytime. It's a non-competitive grant and if I have the land, they will provide the money and services.

Inclusive Playground

Lori Cooney, Dave Pelonzi.

Lori: We are working on establishing a 501C3. This playground will be for infants to elderly and ADA compliant. Great for people with special needs, disabilities, etc. WE want to be in the top 20 in MA. We can't find any park that has everything we're proposing. We met with the Main St. Steering Committee and discussed putting the inclusive park in the main park.

B. Johnson: The Recreation Committee had suggested putting it in a more central location instead of Hoxie.

Lori: A merry-go-round with back support, a zip cruise which is similar to a zipline, fencing, sensory walls, base material, etc. Wareham wants to do this too.

R. Anderson: What is a sensory wall?

Lori: It's for kids/people with sensory disabilities. There are different textures, they can roll things, make music and spin things.

D. Doucette: It's a great idea. Is it expandable?

Lori: Yes. We want to do it now, not in a year and that's when the Main St. Park would be ready for it.

P. Meyer: Can you put the equipment elsewhere for now and then move it?

Lori: It would cost a lot to move it. Will be \$50-\$60,000 to build plus the poured rubber base.

B. Johnson: What if some is put on either side of the canal, in different areas of town.

G. Sala: We have other areas that could use it. Many people don't realize the cost of playground equipment these days. Clark Field it cost \$95,000 for a poured rubber surface. The DPW can't install the equipment anymore, too much liability.

Lori: Chester Park has some potential, maybe on the grass section.

D. Doucette: Would there be any disassociation with splitting it up?

Lori: I'm not opposed to spreading it out but have one major area. We can expand into satellite parks if the need arises.

G. Sala: All of our parks have expansion areas. Chester Park was never meant to be a baseball field.

F. Bartholomew: What is the lifecycle of equipment?

Lori: Over 20 years.

G. Sala: The equipment at Clark Field has been 24 years.

Lori: We can customize and do fun themes/options. Build in QR codes with the history of the Town, YouTube videos done by high school students.

G. Sala: Many of the parks have rubber bases now where we could put a piece of equipment.

Buzzards Bay Park

Pam Masterson, David O'Connor, Marie Oliva, Sallie Riggs

B. Johnson: As part of the Main St. Steering Committee (MSSC) some of the amenities listed is an artificial ice surface. I filed a statement with the Clerk's office for full public disclosure as I'm on the Recreation Authority and we have the Gallo ice rink.

Sallie: This is not the same thing at all. There has been lots of discussion if we should go with this, there are major maintenance concerns. One of our designers went to one in RI and she said she couldn't skate on it. It's unlikely at this point that we will do it. Thank you for the support. We hired a professional team: landscape architect, engineering. Test pits and the survey is done. We are anticipating schematic designs in a few weeks. This is Phase 2 and we're asking for \$500,000. We have investigated several grant options, there are both federal and state available but the Town needs a certified Open Space plan and at this point it hasn't been updated. It's unlikely we'll be able to get in for the next round.

B. Johnson: The Open Space Committee (OSC) is aware and it's in the works. Due to other circumstances, it's not going as we wanted. We advertised and received no responses. No we have to try for an invitation for bid.

Sallie: The goal is to create a place for residents to gather and enjoy the canal.

B. Johnson: I'd like to hear how it will play out. There is a lot of money between this and the inclusive playground.

Sallie: Priority list:

1. Earth shaping/grading: Create areas for people to sit screening the parking lots
2. The first of three gateways. Want to do the one on Main St to show progress
3. Bid/Design documents
4. Splash pad: Can coordinate with the inclusive park. Make it more welcoming to a wider range of people.
5. Pavilion

David: We started the construction sequence, underground utilities with the balance of last year's money. Future: play space, landscaping, benches, walkways, lighting, so it's not disturbed by construction.

G. Sala: With the splash pad having a sensory wall, could \$30,000 come from the inclusive playground money? There is not enough money to do a full park in that area.

B. Johnson: I'm not sure what we can and can't do until you have a firm design/specs it doesn't make sense to give that money now.

Sallie: The money last year will be used up by this fall. August 1st is our target start date with seeding on 10/1. Next spring will be more shaping, a gateway, the bid docs for the pavilion and pay area then the build.

B. Johnson: We are having an October town meeting, if we give you some money now to get where you want to be then you can do it again in October to get you through the winter.

G. Sala: Phase 2 – regrade/shape need \$88,000

Pavilion base - \$150,000

Splash pad - \$205,000

Total - \$435,000 that we need before October.

If we receive funding in July, we can start grading. If it's not in place we can't put in the irrigation.

David: You could put down the base but not the superstructure.

B. Johnson: We want to get it so all the infrastructure (electrical, plumbing, etc) is ready to go.

G. Sala: The park still falls under maintenance, we're going to try and help out as much as possible.

D. Doucette: the MSST came last year and was hoping to get grants but the Town has no Open Space plan. Not their fault, things get delayed. We have to put the plan out to bid so we can have more freedom to get these projects done.

Lori: What phase would you see the inclusive park going in?

Sallie: Right now, phase 3.

P. Meyer: We now have an inclusive playground with no location. What do we do on Monday with this? We have to come to some decision tonight on the money.

G. Sala: The playground was originally set for Hoxie and would have to be expanded and use some of the parking lot which is not owned by the Town. Some of the money would go to the splash pad.

David: If looking to divide up the money, the gateway and earth shaping are relatively small. Implementation of the playground, lighting, surveillance, seating, screening, and pavilion are big jobs. We originally wanted to do one gateway so people can see work is being done.

Sallie: \$200,000 in May, \$300,000 in the fall.

G. Sala: Hold another meeting and get some numbers in place for the hearing next week.

Application from the Open Space Committee asking that the CPC extend the FY'2017 CPA Application filing deadline which would allow the Open Space Committee to file an Application for CPA funds to construct a walkway/trail from the Aptuxcet Trading Post to the town-owned property known as the "Lyons" parcel.

B. Johnson: The OSC is asking for \$9,970 but we might up it to \$12,000 for incidentals. Want to get it in for the ATM.

G. Sala made a MOTION to accept the application. The MOTION was seconded by P. Holmes with 7 in favor, 1 abstention.

Minutes of 2/22/16: G. Sala made a MOTION to approve, seconded by P. Holmes. 6 in favor, 2 abstentions.

3/14/16: G. Sala made a MOTION to approve, seconded by N. Langille. 6 in favor, 2 abstentions.

Update of the Community Preservation Committee meeting schedule

7pm next week in this room (room 1 at the Community Building). We'll be getting a letter of withdrawal for the roof repair at Town Hall from Tom Guerino.

G. Sala made a MOTION to adjourn seconded by D. Anderson with all in favor. With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Gratis