

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015**

PRESENT: Barry Johnson, Daniel Doucette, George Sala, Andrew Cooney, Fred Bartholomew, Neil Langille, Penny Myers

EXCUSED: Peter Holmes, Richard Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Zagzebski, Pam Matheson, David O'Connor

Recording Clerk, Ann Gratis

B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. We are here to do a review of some of the applications for FY2016 CPA funds.

The Jackson Field project has been changed to the meeting on 3/16/15.

Buzzards Bay Park improvements: Kathy, Pam, David presented the plan.

We did a public survey and are still getting responses. This is our initial concept plan of where we want to go. Looking at the big picture and thinking of function: events, open space, better landscape, play area, memorial grove, maybe a historical walkway, park pavilion (30'x60') for movies, rentable space, shelter for events, utilities need upgrades and we have two areas on either side of the park for access. The play area will have a splash pad that can change to an ice skating area with water or artificial ice. There will be small canopy areas with picnic tables under. The two gateways will have bike racks and benches. We are asking \$350,000 with a total budget of \$1.5 million. The CPC money will be going to infrastructure: electrical, lighting, engineering design for the whole park, visual entrance way (landscape & screening) and irrigation.

G. Sala: We were unable to have the Recreation committee meeting due to the snow. We rescheduled for this Thursday.

P. Myers: What is the time frame after Town meeting?

Kathy: First is the park design/engineering, hope to have that completed by the end of summer. Then the irrigation and the gateway on Main St. This would help us leverage other grants. Depending on funding the next phase would be the second gateway, splash pad, pavilion, shelters, etc.

D. Doucette: I applaud the project and see that something positive is coming from this. It has been discussed for decades what to do with the park.

Kathy: It's doable and modular so we can start right away.

G. Sala: \$90,000 for engineering, \$200,000 for electrical, lighting, irrigation (will be added to the list)

A. Gratis: What is the surface under the pavilion, play area, etc?

Kathy: grass.

G. Sala: We will eliminate the town water and install a well.

D. Doucette: Think about potable water for drinking fountains. Think of other utilities you may need to add in, make the list broader.

A. Cooney: This is a long overdue project. What took so long?

G. Sala: The Town didn't want to spend serious money with the scallop fest and carnival there with all the damage they did. This is the best time to get it done. The Main St. Steering Committee are all volunteers and the Chamber supports it.

D. Doucette: With the Army Corps re-doing their parking lot it made the area more desirable.

A. Cooney: Where are you getting your figures?

B. Johnson: They came in an email dated 2/27/15 that was sent to everyone.

David: I think 7% for engineering is on the low side.

F. Bartholomew: What event types will happen? Who will schedule?

Kathy: The same as now; concerts, farmers market. Its up to the Town who will manage, but it's the Selectmen's office now. Having a nicer park will attract more events.

A. Cooney: I think this will be successful. Will the Corps be ok with people using their bathrooms?

G. Sala: There is no difference from what it has been. We never thought to use the Chamber bathrooms.

Kathy: The Army Corps gets some of their funding from the number of people that use their facilities. Events would use port-a-pottys.

G. Sala: The playground equipment needs to be approved by the Rec. Committee and installed by certified people.

Kathy: It won't be a massive structure, more stand alone elements. Our vision is that this is the sole money request from the Town.

B. Johnson: CPC money can't be used for maintenance. This could turn into a multi-year project and I think we should treat it like Hoxie and have a grant agreement as this committee is an offshoot of the BFDC.

D. Doucette: Hoxie is not a Town group, this is.

B. Johnson: I'm just thinking it out there. The MSSC is an ad-hoc group. If the town oversees and implements, then won't need a grant agreement. Should it be the MSSC and Rec Committee?

Kathy: If the grant is awarded, it would be to the Town of Bourne.

B. Johnson: A lot of this equipment is on a state contract. Put his as a separate article on town meeting so it doesn't affect the main article. Would do this for the track and Hoxie too.

P. Myers: They are in control, why do we need to know if they're coming back to us again? They plan on getting the money from other sources, if something falls through, then they can come back to us.

D. Doucette: will the park be elevated? It's not pretty when it becomes a lake from storms.

G. Sala: It depends on the engineering.

A. Cooney: Will it be ADA compliant?

Kathy: This is the concept; engineering will do the ADA.

D. Doucette: I support a separate article if this is a multi-year project.

P. Myers: How fast is MassWorks if you get it?

Kathy: The deadline is in the fall, not sure of the turnaround but probably FY17.

David: The survey needs to be done first, that's about two months then the engineering begins.

D. Doucette: If you can keep costs down and save say \$25,000, put it in the article to buy materials for Phase 1 so in the spring people will see something above ground.

B. Johnson thanked them for their presentation.

Chester Park playground equipment

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G. Sala: the existing equipment is unsafe and rusted. The new equipment will be mostly plastic. This is a heavily used park.

D. Doucette: What about adding lights to help prevent vandalism?

G. Sala: Would like to but the residents don't like it and the vandals climbed the pole and cut the wires for the light. We can reconnect the light. The playground equipment will be from the State bid. We use Landscape Structures.

D. Doucette: The lights would help protect the investment.

A. Cooney: What about a border to keep the sand from the basketball court?

G. Sala: Could be a trip hazard, will look at options.

Clark Field Tennis court

Cape & Islands Tennis will be doing all the courts (tennis and basketball). They will fill in the cracks, resurface, paint, new nets and poles installed.

Clark Field Basketball court

Cape & Islands Tennis suggested doing this at the same time as the tennis courts.

Town Hall Tennis court

Cracks, metal chips coming up from the pavement. This will be the only court left in Buzzards Bay.

Pocasset Field Tennis court

The fencing is being replaced here too (money from another source). This is behind the fire dept.

Cataumet Tennis court

Next to the Cataumet Schoolhouse. The fencing there was donated years ago. There are major structural repairs here. A section will be cut out and rebuilt.

This covers all the courts in town except one which will be done at a later time. Can these be put on the Special Town Meeting warrant so we can get them done before summer? I can start on them right away. (will vote at public hearing on 3/30/15)

Minutes

3/8/14: A. Cooney asked to clarify his statement on page 4. D. Doucette made a Motion to approve with the amendment. The Motion was seconded by G. Sala with all in favor.

3/31/14: G. Sala made a Motion to approve. The Motion was seconded by D. Doucette with six in favor, 1 abstention.

4/9/14: D. Doucette made a Motion to approve. The Motion was seconded by G. Sala with six in favor, 1 abstention.

12/1/14: D. Doucette made a Motion to approve. The Motion was seconded by G. Sala with six in favor, 1 abstention.

12/15/14: A. Cooney made a Motion to approve. The Motion was seconded by G. Sala with six in favor, 1 abstention.

2/23/14: G. Sala made a Motion to approve. The Motion was seconded by D. Doucette with six in favor, 1 abstention.

D. Doucette made a Motion to adjourn and go into executive session to approve executive session minutes. The Motion was seconded by G. Sala. The Chairman stated that having the discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the public body's negotiating position.

Roll Call vote as follows:

A. Cooney – yes	G. Sala – yes	D. Doucette - yes
P. Myers – yes	F. Bartholomew – yes	B. Johnson - yes
N. Langille - yes		

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Gratis