

# Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

April 23, 2019

**Members Present:** John Feener, Barbara Silberman, Hank McCarl, Catherine Schlichte, Ellen Preston, Bob Whitmarsh, and Heidi Wakeman

**Absent:** Pamela Tobey and Karen Carter.

**Members of the public:** JD MacEachern.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:09PM by Catherine S.

Bob Whitmarsh introduced himself as the Historical Commission's new appointee. Catherine S. reviewed the CPA's process from receipt of application to funding approval for the newest member.

## **Item #1 Approval of minutes for March 19**

**MOTION:** John F. moved to approve minutes for March 19, 2019 as written. Seconded by Hank McCarl. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

## **Item #2 2019 Applications**

Young Legends Youth Hockey Application – Catherine S. summarized application. JD MacEachern spoke on the history of the Basketball courts located at the Stage Fort Park. His opinion is it would mean one less basketball court for the City, but is not aware of any formalized games being played at the courts. There are no other formal facilities for street hockey in Gloucester. JD stated the Street Hockey League is more organized than the basketball leagues. He is not objecting, but would like to know if it is possible to make it multi-purpose. John F. stated there is enough room to have additional facilities. There was discussion related to the condition of the basketball court currently. John F. requested the organization assess other sites for potential conversion. He also asked that the budget reflect to the dollar the categories being funded by CPA.

Historic New England/Beauport – There was a brief discussion and review of the application. The Committee agreed that Historic New England has been an excellent organization to work with in the past.

Generous Gardeners – There was discussion related to the timeline of this project. The Committee asked for the bids related to the work being performed. Barbara S. asked that we request confirmation of the Bruce Anderson grant.

Ocean Alliance – Catherine S. stated they are another organization that has received grants several times and is well performing. Hank M. added that we are allowed to grant funds for the improvement of handicap accessibility.

Hammond Castle – Catherine S. asked when they will know about the Mass Cultural Council grant funding or to clarify their budget. John F. commented that they are asking for 50% of their project and suggested the Committee discuss with the applicant the need for them to fundraise in the future. He added that in-kind work and their capacity to fundraise reflects well on the project. The more information that is available, the more confident he can be in his decision making.

Magnolia Historical Society- Catherine S. stated the issue with last year’s application was the lack of information on the organization itself and its organizational capacity. There was discussion of the need for bids for the project and an operating budget.

Stage Fort Park Parrot Rifle – Catherine S. summarized her conversations regarding the bigger picture of Stage Fort Park. There was discussion regarding how the cannon excavation will be coordinated with further archeological surveys. JD MacEachern stated the rumor that there was a fort prior to the current fort. There was discussion regarding whether or not the SFP Advisory Committee should be requesting the cost of excavation and archaeological surveys to be performed during the cannon restoration. The Committee would like confirmation of the Mayor’s contribution to this project.

New YMCA – There was discussion regarding the new facility’s plans. The Committee discussed the need for additional details related to the costs being funded by CPA.

Camp Spindrift – There was discussion regarding what aspects of this project can be funded by the CPA.

### **Item #3 Schedule Public Hearing/Presentations**

The Committee would like to schedule the Public Hearing for 5:30 on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Friend Room of the Library, if it is available.

### **Item #4 Project Updates**

**MOTION:** John F. moved to rescind the 2017 Burnham’s Field Rehabilitation project balance of \$2,000.00. Seconded by Heidi W. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to rescind the 2017 Committee for the Arts Mural Restoration project balance of \$5,071.00. Seconded by Ellen P. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to extend the 2018 Essex County Green Belt Seine Fields Improvement project to December 2019. Seconded by Ellen P. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

**Next meeting – May 21st**

**MOTION:** John F. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Hank M. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

**Documents Reviewed:**

Applications received

Budget Report

Project Update Report

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss