

# Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

October 1, 2019

**Members Present:** Barbara Silberman, Co-chair, Catherine Schlichte, Co-chair, Hank McCarl, Ellen Preston, Pamela Tobey, Bob Whitmarsh, Heidi Wakeman, Jennifer-lee Levitz Aronson, and John Feener.

**Absent:**

**Members of the public:** JD MacEachern, Tim Flaherty, and Dave Dow.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:08 PM by Barbara S.

## **Item # 1 Approval of minutes from August 20, 2019**

**MOTION:** Bob W. moved to approve minutes for August 20, 2019. Seconded by Pam T. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstained. Motion passes.

## **Item # 2 Review of applications and vote**

### Hammond's Castle

Catherine S. reviewed the Hammond's Castle Clerestory restoration project. There was discussion regarding the funding request amount being \$135,000 on the application, but listed as \$65,000 per year for two years on the spreadsheet provided by Jaimie C. The Committee decided to vote on the original request of \$135,000 with the understanding the project may take two years.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to recommend funding in the amount of \$135,000 for one year, with the option to request extension if submitted prior to expiration of contract. There was discussion regarding the contract term. Seconded by Barbara S. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. abstained; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. no; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

### Historic New England

John F. reviewed the project and the committee's successful history with the applicant. There was a brief discussion regarding the project.

**MOTION:** Hank M. moved to recommend funding the restoration of the Beauport/ Sleeper McCann house in the amount of \$10,000 for masonry work and restoration of Palladian window. Seconded by John F. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

## Magnolia Historical

Catherine S. reviewed Magnolia Historical Society application and supplemental documents. Hank M. speculated that the Magnolia Historical Society does not have the future funding they have projected. Catherine S. pointed out how low the organization's operating expenses are currently. There was further discussion related to the finances of the Magnolia Historical Society and the organizational progress they have demonstrated over the past year. John F. stated the importance of including the installation of an alarm system.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to recommend funding the Magnolia Historical Society's application in the amount of \$25k installation of new electrical service with the future goal of installing a lift and fire alarm system. Seconded by Pam T. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

John F. asked Jaimie C. to make it clear that the expectation is for the fire alarm system to be installed and to move towards the installation of the lift.

## Ocean Alliance

Barbara S. reviewed the Ocean Alliance handicap accessible bathroom project and the Committee's successful history with the organization. John F. voiced his support for the project and the work they do for the community.

**MOTION:** Hank M. moved to recommend funding the Ocean Alliance handicap accessible bathroom restoration project in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Ellen P. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

## SFP AC Cannon Restoration

Catherine S. reviewed the project. There was discussion regarding the restoration plan.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to fund the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee's application to restore the cannon and parrot rifle cannon and carriage project in the amount of \$22,705. Seconded by Heidi W. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

## Young Legends Street Hockey

Barbara S. reviewed the project and discussed the thorough nature of the application and presentation of this project. JD MacEachern discussed the origin of the basketball courts at Stage Fort Park and stated the court is not being utilized for basketball.

**MOTION:** Catherine S. moved to fund the Young Legends Street Hockey basketball court conversion in the amount of \$100k for the purchase of court tile and inline fencing. Seconded by

Barbara S. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

### YMCA Camp Spindrift

Catherine S. reviewed project and budget revision. She discussed the Committee's request for the YMCA to include the development of a master plan for restoration at Camp Spindrift to improve the use of the land for both day camp activities and future utilization. The budget now includes \$5,000 for master plan, as well as, the original request for installation of pavilion covers, improvements to multi use court, and improvements to field. Catherine S. asked if the field would ever be relocated or removed. Tim F. stated it is the only flat area of the camp and would not be removed. John F. added that Camp Spindrift is located in an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and would not be able to move the field much closer to the coast. Ellen P. stated that there may be more to the cabins than just repair. Catherine S. clarified that the cabins are not part of the current funding request. Barbara S. asked for clarification on where the figure of \$5,000 for the master plan came from. Tim F. stated it was suggested by Meridian and would utilize in house Y staff.

**MOTION:** Pam T. moved to recommend funding the Cape Ann YMCA Camp Spindrift restoration project in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the purpose of funding a master plan, installation of pavilion covers, improvements to the multi use court, and installation of a field. Seconded by Ellen P. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. no; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. yes; John F. yes. Motion passes.

Catherine S. clarified that this vote is based on the amended budget dated 7.15.19.

### Cape Ann YMCA New Site

Catherine S. reviewed the project and stated there is an amended budget dated 7.15.19. Funds would be specifically for the splash park part of the playground. Jennifer-lee L. expressed her concerns related to funding this project. There was further discussion related to the eligibility and validity of this project. Tim F. stated the project is still short \$5 million and the Y gives away about \$400,000 in services and loses about \$150,000 per year. The new facility will help offset costs and allow for the Y to assist additional people in the community. There was discussion related to the services the Y offers the community as a whole.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to recommend funding the New Cape Ann YMCA Site project in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of the installation of a splash park at the new site. Seconded by Ellen P. Roll call vote: Catherine S. yes; Barbara S. yes; Heidi W. yes; Pamela T. yes; Ellen P. yes; Bob W. yes; Jennifer-lee A. abstain; John F. yes. Motion passes.

**MOTION:** John F. moved to table discussion of project updates. Seconded by Pam T. 8 in favor 1 abstained. Motion passes.

Jaimie C. was asked to send reminder notifications 10 days in advance and a few days in advance of meetings.

**Next Meeting – November 19, 2019**

**MOTION:** John F. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Pam T. 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.  
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss