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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015

Hearing Room 2, Town Hall

Attendance: Bert O'Donnell, Karen O'Donnell, Don McAleer, Cheri Ruane of Weston & Sampson, Roger Whidden, Derek Kohl, Bradley Parsons, and Dominick Celtruda of BL Companies.

CPC Members in attendance: Tom Whalen, Kevin Cantwell, Tim Russo, Michele Campion, Mike Bilas.

Absent: Kerry Richardson.

Tom Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Tom Whalen made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss real estate and return to Open Meeting. Second by Tim Russo. Roll call: Mike Bilas, yes, Tom Whalen, yes, Michele Campion, yes, Kevin Cantwell, yes, Tim Russo, yes.

MOTION: Tom Whalen made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Meeting at 7:18 p.m.. Second by Tim Russo. Roll call: Mike Bilas, yes, Tom Whalen, yes, Michele Campion, yes, Kevin Cantwell, yes, Tim Russo, yes.

1. Trails Study

A. Weston and Sampson

- Cheri Ruane of Weston & Sampson presented a plan for a trails study; she discussed the town's open space and recreation plans, identifying where trails should be, using grants to fund projects, and the public process.
- Tom Whalen asked what to look for when identifying areas for a bike trail.
- Cheri Ruane said the criteria will vary from community to community based on usage, overall fit, leveraging funds, costs of construction.
- Tom Whalen said Marshfield may partner with Duxbury and how would that work.
- Cheri Ruane said it would involve a memorandum of understanding, and getting everything out on the table. She said different user groups have different hours, people.
- Cheri Ruane said equestrian usage is always separate and they want to be off pavement.
- Mike Bilas said he sees some conflict between user groups happening.
- Michele Campion asked about the delivery of the report if selected. Cheri Ruane said at the outset it would involve researching what info exists for a month, followed by a kick off meeting with Trails, CPC committees, walking of the trails,

then a draft plan and maps would take six weeks. She said about two months for a robust plan.

- Cheri Ruane said community feedback would be through online and written surveys, contests, pizza night meetings, if you want people's ideas you have to meet them half way.
- Tom Whalen asked what could Weston & Sampson do differently.
- Cheri Ruane said Weston & Sampson could use track surfacing on a four foot wide street, change colors for surfaces, add a community amenity such as terraced seating areas. She said they look at trails as linear parks. As an example, Middleboro is putting in a high ropes course, Needham used different materials for changing experiences and incorporated outdoor classrooms.
- Cheri Ruane said Marshfield's diversity is in its landscape.
- Cheri said they can look at connecting all of the schools, open space etc. in a community.
- Bert O'Donnell said the Bridle Trail needs to be maintained for equestrians, dog walkers and runners.
- Tom Whalen said we already have 10-12 miles of trails that can't be maintained and would have to be done by volunteers.
- Cheri Ruane discussed the establishment of a Friends Group which is a venue for volunteers and maintenance attention is key.
- Cost is \$45,000.

B. B & L Companies

- Derek Kohl, Bradley Parsons, and Dominick Celtruda from BL Companies gave an overview of their proposed Trails Study. They said they work with public entities quite a bit and understand the process.
- Derek Kohl said they also have experience working in tidal areas and in towns with histories.
- Brad Parsons said the Bridle Trail in Marshfield is the backbone of the system and is the linkage to open spaces in Scituate and Duxbury.
- Mike Bilas said the Bridle Trail is multi-use and has conflicting situations.
- Dominic Celtruda said they will look at delineating the trail through widening, education, bringing user groups together, and designed single use trails.
- BL Companies will use visualizations, renderings, and look at multi modal security, environment and history, ecosystems, universal accessibility, future open space.
- Dominic Celtruda said they will also seek grants from different groups and the entire project can be complete in 6-8 weeks. Cost is \$32,000.
- Mike Bilas referenced the Quinnipiac River being tied in with Hampden, and Derek Kohl said similarly they will work the town and there are many opportunities in town.
- Derek Kohl said they are able to customize the project to the existing budget, secured funds and move to the next phase.

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2. Open Space Update

- Karen O'Donnell said Pat Brennan is taking care of the variance needed for the boardwalk and stairs and thinks the kayak launch is ok.
- Tom Whalen said the Hall property is key to get.

3. Other

- Tim Russo will take over as chairman, replacing Brian Wall.
- Kevin Cantwell will take over as vice chairman, replacing Tom Whalen.

MOTION to adjourn: Tom Whalen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Tim Russo second. All votes yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Shanley