

Town of Marshfield Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes ---- APPROVED----
March 8th, 2017: 7pm Hearing Room 3

CPC Members in Attendance: Chairman Kevin Cantwell, Tim Russo, Bert O'Donnell, Michele Campion, Mike Bilas and Billy Last, Jr. Absent: Kerry Richardson.

Also in attendance: Leslie Scollins, Jack Westhaven, Don McAleer, Anna Baker, John Taylor and Adrienne Vigilante.

Open Meeting

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:02 pm. **Second** by Billy Last.

Senior Center/Council On Aging (COA)

- Chairman Kevin Cantwell, CPC member Bill Last jr. met with Council on Aging members, Carol Hamilton, COA Executive Director, and Brian Murphy of MYBL. There are unresolved habitat concerns and handicap access issues to be able to move forward with their project right now. The COA decided to drop their FY17 funding request and resubmit another request for FY18 CPC funding.
- Chairman Kevin Cantwell said the CPC will pass over this Article at Town Meeting in April. He said the COA wants to eventually expand the Senior Center and may be seeking funding for design and outdoor recreation from the Town at the fall Town Meeting.

Finances

- Kevin Cantwell said he sent a message to Barbara Costa requesting confirmation of requested amounts for each article approved by CPC Board in February, and will read the funding sources at Town Meeting after review with her.
- Billy Last asked the order by which CPC funding sources should be drawn upon.
- Chairman Cantwell said this was how he had set up the drawdown for each project CPC had recommended for vote at Town Meeting.
 - First, use the existing Housing, Open Space and Historical Reserves Balances.
 - Second, use funds from the current Unrestricted Reserves Balances.
 - Third, use funds from the Projected 10% Set Asides .
 - Fourth funds would come from the Estimated Unrestricted balance if needed.
- Bill Last, felt that CPC should work towards leaving the most in 'unrestricted'.
- Bert O'Donnell said that going forward all the set asides will be unrestricted. Chairman Cantwell said that there will be some balances in the Open Space, Historical and Housing set asides but yes, the majority of funds will be in Unrestricted.
- Don McAleer asked to meet with the Advisory Board, Chairman Cantwell, and Marcy Concannon regarding the CPC finances, prior to Town Meeting. Chairman Cantwell said he will attend Advisory Board meeting as well as the joint Selectmen/Advisory Board Hearing at Martinson School.

Martinson Elementary School Playground

- The MES Playground Committee submitted a letter to CPC requesting reconsideration of the CPC vote for the MES playground. The request was for CPC to fund the full amount of \$175,000. Chairman Cantwell asked if any CPC members would like to make a motion to re-vote. No motion was made, but Chairman Cantwell noted given the presence of several MES Playground members he would allow discussion.
- Anna Baker, of the MES Playground Committee, said the MES Committee was appreciative of the vote to approve funding for the MES Playground but the Committee was taken by surprise that after attending two previous meetings (January 18th and February 8th) and providing project and budget updates and responding to all

CPC questions, then in their absence on Feb. 15th CPC meeting, the Committee recommended and voted their request be reduced to \$130,000.

- Chairman Cantwell said that the MES Playground was on the February 15th agenda to vote and they had a chance to attend that meeting as CPC had told all applicants that CPC would be voting at the next meeting Chairman Cantwell said the CPC had recommended for Town vote, to grant MES Playground \$130,000 from their request plus \$35,000 of the DPW's request for fields and playgrounds capital improvement work this year. Therefore, they were receiving \$ 165,000.
- Mike Bilas stated that at both prior meetings Members of CPC had discussed funding less than MES had requested.
- Anna Baker asked for clarification that in the event MES is unable to complete their playground this year due to insufficient funding the MES Committee could return next year to request FY18 funding.
- Chairman Cantwell responded that this is true, there is no restriction on making multiple year requests.
- Billy Last clarified that the DPW contribution is their anticipated services and material support to the project which will be billed to CPC Project by accounting.
- Bert O'Donnell said he still thinks there should be a way to calculate the amount of CPC donation to each school based on enrollment number of students.
- Tim Russo said that Governor Winslow School last year had to reduce their playground project and proposal to CPC. He said it is fairest to have a set amount of CPC funding for each school.
- Leslie Scollins asked how the Town budgetary issues will influence CPC funding.
- Kevin Cantwell said CPC funding is based on % of tax surcharge from residents, plus the State Match, and that the match had been decreasing each year. There will be less money next year for Projects.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

MOTION: Chairman Kevin Cantwell made a motion to approve the January 18th Open Meeting minutes with revisions. Michele Campion second.

New Business:

Resident John Taylor, of Taylor Marine, raised an issue about the little foot bridge that had been on his neighbor's land and allowed public access to Water street and Bluefish Cove. The bridge has been destroyed recently but the pilings are still there on the private property. He asked if CPC could help directly or facilitate this bridge repair.

- Billy Last commented that this has potential as passive recreation and making an open space contribution. If the bridge is rebuilt it could be made ADA compliant with the addition of a ramp, perhaps. He asked John Taylor about the estimated length of the bridge span.
- John Taylor estimated the bridge span is 47 feet. John Taylor said it was originally built as a wood footbridge in 1969 and then rebuilt in the 1980s with steel.
- Michele Campion asked if the owner can donate an easement. She asked if there were any wetlands issues involved.
- Bill Last said he would follow up and research this for next meeting.

Chairman Cantwell mentioned that the Open Space Plan and survey is now available for resident's comments.

MOTION: Chairman Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the open meeting at 8:22. Tim Russo second. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon, CPC Administrator