

**Town of Marshfield Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting and Open House Minutes --- *APPROVED*--
May 10th, 2017: 7pm Ventress Building**

CPC Members in Attendance: Chairman Kevin Cantwell (arrived at 7:30pm), Tim Russo, Bert O'Donnell, Michele Campion, Mike Bilas and Billy Last, Jr. and Kerry Richardson.

Also in attendance: Karen O'Donnell, Michele Spinale, Bill Scott, Otis Carney, Barbara Carney, Carolyn Shanley, Terri Angeli and Tom Whalen.

Open Meeting

- **MOTION:** CPC Vice Chairman Tim Russo made a motion to open the meeting at 7:20 pm. **Second** by Kerry Richardson.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** Michele Campion made a motion to approve the March 8th Open Meeting minutes. All in favor. Kerry Richardson abstained.

Community Preservation Act Annual Dues

- The Marshfield CPC pays annual dues to the Community Preservation Coalition for its annual membership. Current membership dues are \$4,350.
- Tim Russo asked what type of services the Coalition provides to Marshfield and other CPC members.
- Billy Last Jr. explained that he often calls the Coalition requesting information and/or data.
- Bert O'Donnell responded that the Coalition advocates and lobbies the State for continued support for the Community Preservation Act.
- **MOTION:** Kerry Richardson made a motion to approve payment to the Coalition for annual Marshfield membership dues. Mike Bilas second the motion. All in favor. Kevin Cantwell was absent.

Year in Review FY 2017

- Vice Chairman Tim Russo asked if there were any updates on open projects.
- Tom Whalen explained that the Marshfield Hills Cemetery work is 99% complete. They have discovered an additional 95 headstones buried in unmarked locations on the Cemetery grounds. They are identifying and reburying these.

Open Discussion

- Chairman Kevin Cantwell explained that this year, for FY2018 funding, the CPC had the most Articles ever, a total of 17. The CPC has been good for Marshfield residents and groups to bring forth their projects.
- Michele Spinale: What type of projects do you consider? Open Space? Recreation?
- Kevin Cantwell responded that the Street Hockey rink, the Hatch Mill Restoration, renovation of the Peter Igo Park, open space acquisitions to protect for watershed protection and some school playgrounds are just a few examples of CPC- funded projects.
- Michele Spinale asked if CPC would consider them handicap accessible.
- Tim Russo responded that all the new playgrounds must be ADA-accessible.
- Kerry Richardson explained that the Pratt property kayak launch behind CVS, at the Kelville Bridge, will be ADA-accessible.

- Guest Question: How does the CPC assess its applications?
- Tim Russo responded that the CPC evaluates all applications based on available funds and how well the project meets CPC areas of focus, CPC laws and complies with existing and most current town plans.
- Guest: How about a dog park?
- Tim Russo responded Tim Russo responded that there had been a proposal for a “Bark Park” proposed by resident Brad White where the Harbor Park is now. It failed at town meeting.
- Chairman Kevin Cantwell said there are a lot of issues and concerns with dog parks.
- Michele Campion explained that one proposal would have placed the dog park near an aquifer.
- Billy Last said that Kay Ramsey had been involved in an earlier dog park planning process.
- Bill Scott, speaking on behalf of the Center on Aging (COA), appreciates the funding for the ballfields and the Senior Center on Webster Street. The COA will return in the fall with an updated proposal for CPC funding. Thank you to Billy Last for resolving the turtle habitat issue and the handicap accessible parking.
- Karen O'Donnell thanked the CPC for all the Open Space purchases. She said that its not always possible to make parcels ADA-accessible. The property off of Willow Street is considered ADA-accessible.
- Carolyn Shanley said the Town does a good job of providing access.
- Karen O'Donnell asked guests to please come to the Open Space Committee meetings to contribute ideas for improving access.
- Michele Spinale asked if there is somewhere or some resource available for socially and or physically-disabled young 18-20 year old young adults to go? Access to the trails is nice but they need a space to socialize, when they are comfortable.
- Tim Russo explained that Marshfield has a Trails Committee making improvements and trail markers. She should talk with them about access issues.
- Kerry Richardson mentioned that Bud Duksta received \$50,000 from the U.S. Tennis Association so he could bring disabled veterans to the Peter Igo Tennis Park. Kerry Richardson suggested that Michele Spinale might want to contact Bud Duksta about his programs and offerings for disabled young adults.
- Billy Last also recommended contacting Bud Duksta about the accessibility of his boat launch on the river. Billy Last also mentioned that the Agricultural Commission also has some programs on farms and working with animals at the Marshfield Farmers Market. There are three farms in other towns offering such programs (Norwell, Hingham and Duxbury).
- Michele Spinale mentioned that her young kids do enjoy access to their elementary school garden. She has also met with Craig Jameson at the Recreation Department.
- Michele Campion also recommended for Michele Spinale to contact the School Department and see what they may have available.
- Carolyn Shanley suggested to Michele Spinale to take the young adults to Couch Beach on the North River. It has very accessible walking and camping.
- Tim Russo displayed the Marshfield CPC Facebook page on the screen and explained he is always updating the info and photos.
- Barbara Carney thanked the CPC for all their support on the grounds restoration at the Daniel Webster Estate. She said the grounds work should be complete in the fall. She is really excited to see the well restoration work completed as well.

MOTION: Chairman Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting at 7:55pm. Kerry Richardson second the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon, CPC Administrator