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Marshfield Community Preservation Committee

Open Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

CPC Members in Attendance: Tim Russo, Tom Whalen, Bert O'Donnell, Kevin Cantwell, Michele Campion, Kerry Richardson, Mike Bilas. Absent: Mike Baird.

Others in Attendance: Karen O'Donnell, Barry Cornwall, Jack Braithwaite, Jeff Granatino, Greg Guimond, Otis Carney, Barbara Carney, Bill Ivey, William Sullivan, Cindy Castro.

Open Meeting

MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to open the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Second by Tom Whalen.

Minutes

MOTION: Bert O'Donnell made a motion to accept the Open Meeting Minutes of April 2016. Michele Campion second. All approved. Absent: Mike Baird.

Open Space Update

- Karen O'Donnell said the Open Space Update must be completed by June 2017 and the town is required to have an updated plan on file to apply for grants.
- Karen O'Donnell said the unknown part is the ADA component and the town is not required to have every trail ADA accessible.
- Karen O'Donnell said a self-evaluation was completed in 2010, but the town needs a transition plan. She said Rocco Longo asked town meeting for the funds to cover the ADA portion and got \$182,000 out of \$250,000 but the ADA is not included in the assessment because the entire request was not granted.
- Karen O'Donnell said most towns sub out the ADA portion of the Open Space plan so it is difficult to have a firm number but Open Space Committee voted to ask for up to \$35,000.
- Karen O'Donnell said the project takes a year and some towns also sub out the mapping, Marshfield could possibly use the intern in the Conservation office.
- Tom Whalen said the state forgave Marshfield in 2010 for not having the ADA portion completed and that is a very slow process because it has to be sent to so many groups.
- Karen O'Donnell said they don't have to reinvent the wheel, a lot of sections just have to be updated and her committee will form a sub-committee for this.

MOTION: Tom Whalen made a motion to move \$11,000 out of the salary line item of the administrative portion of the FY16 CPC budget to cover Other Services costs. Michele Campion second. Yes: Tom Whalen, Tim Russo, Kevin Cantwell, Michele Campion, Bert O'Donnell, Mike Bilas. Absent: Mike Baird. Motion passes.

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MOTION: Tom Whalen made a motion to spend \$30,000 of administrative costs of the FY16 budget on the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Bert O'Donnell second. Yes: Tom Whalen, Tim Russo, Kevin Cantwell, Michele Campion, Bert O'Donnell, Mike Bilas. Absent: Mike Baird. Motion passes.

Beach Study Plan.

- Beach Administrator Cindy Castro and Lt. William Sullivan made a request for \$35,000 for a town wide beach management study to help evaluate potential recreation, conservation and parking needs and uses of Marshfield beaches.
- Tom Whalen asked if the study will identify pieces of land for future expansion of the beach areas.
- Cindy Castro said future land opportunities will be identified and the study will help determine additional ways of getting people out on the rivers for recreation.
- Cindy Castro said the study will also look at the dunes in Rexhame to determine the best methods for preservation. She said they don't know if they are doing it correctly and they want to look at a man-made dune as a possible break through prevention.
- Cindy Castro said a new snack bar facility is also needed as only three toilets are available for 300 spots (parking).
- Cindy Castro said they want to look at all five beaches and evaluate nourishment needs, off shore threats of erosion, and ADA accessibility.
- Lt. Sullivan said ADA is a big part of it.
- Cindy Castro said the Woods Hole Group did a presentation for the town and told them what a study would need to do.
- Lt. Sullivan said the town really wants to get the best of the beaches including recreation, wildlife. He said it will be a six month study.
- Cindy Castro said they definitely need a company to help them through the process.
- Town Planner Greg Guimond said Duxbury and Scituate have or are doing similar studies.
- Lt. Sullivan said the town needs to determine what it can and can't do with conservation at the beaches.
- Kerry Richardson said to contact other towns and learn what hurdles they face with their beach areas.
- Greg Guimond said there is no state funding available for these studies at this time.
- Greg Guimond said the mouth of the harbor needs to be dredged again and the study will help them with this effort by determining what is the right mix of material for each beach when dredging material is reused.
- Tim Russo asked how long such a study results would be good for.
- Cindy Castro said the study results will be good for 10-15 years.
- Greg Guimond said the study will also address the sea level changes.
- Bert O'Donnell said the Conservation Commission and the Coastal Study groups are in support of the study.

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MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to use \$35,000 of FY17 administrative funds for the study. Kerry Richardson second. All approved. Absent: Mike Baird. Motion passes.

Flagpole at Winslow Burial Ground

- Tom Whalen provided an overview of the removal of the flagpole from the Winslow Burial Ground. He said the DPW removed it under the direction of Barry Bartlett to be put aside, it has since gone missing.
- Tom Whalen said the flagpole was 25 feet in length and cast aluminum.
- Tom Whalen said there are no additional funds left in the Daniel Webster burial plot restoration project; he said the costs should be the responsibility of the DPW.
- Kerry Richardson said the Historic Commission should vote on replacing it if it is important and bring it to CPC in the fall.

Public Comments

- Tim Russo said it has been a great year even with the tight fiscal situation. He said everyone came up with some additional funding when asked and they are getting the projects done.
- Karen O'Donnell said she is concerned about the safety at the new street hockey rink and suggested the DPW be contacted about installing signs and a crosswalk over to Dairy Queen.
- Kerry Richardson said it is Tom Whalen's last meeting with CPC and that he has been very instrumental with community preservation projects, including the restoration of Seth Ventress, the cemeteries, etc.
- Kerry Richardson said Tom Whalen brought a wealth of experience, talent and a willingness to get involved to all CPC projects.
- Mike Bilas said the Trails Committee also appreciated the knowledge he brought to their meetings.
- Tom Whalen said he is going to be 70 this year and he just can't commit to three more years.
- Karen O'Donnell thanked him for his contributions to Open Space.
- Superintendent Jeff Granatino thanked the CPC for what it has done with the schools, adding two new playgrounds this year.
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MOTION: Tom Whalen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. for a social hour. Kevin Cantwell second. The Open Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Shanley, CPC Administrator

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