

**Town of Marshfield  
Community Preservation Committee  
Open Meeting Minutes ---APPROVED ---  
July 11, 2018, 7pm  
Marshfield Town Hall, Hearing Room #2, Marshfield**

**CPC Members in Attendance:** Chairman Kevin Cantwell, Bert O'Donnell, Michele Campion, Kerry Richardson and Mike Bilas.

**Member (s) absent:** Tim Russo

Guests in Attendance: Steve Darcy, Denis Kelleher, Doreen Taylor, David Cedrone, Bud Duksta and Mike Dimeo.

**Open Meeting**

**MOTION:** Kevin Cantwell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:02 pm. **Second** by Bert O'Donnell.

**CPC Applications and Updates**

**Marshfield Dog Park Application**

- Steve Darcy gave an update on the Dog Park application. He said the Friends of Marshfield Dog Park (FOMDP) are asking for CPC funding to allow them to qualify for a matching grant from the Stanton Foundation. Marshfield has over 2000 licensed dogs in town. He said most Marshfield citizens have requested a central location for the Dog Park, preferably at the Pratt property. It's important for dogs to socialize. More socializing leads to be better behavior and helps keep the dogs off the athletic fields. The Hingham dog park has been successful.
- Kevin Cantwell said he will speak with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel about the Pratt Property Conservation Restrictions and whether or not the dog park would be allowed at the Pratt property.
- Steve Darcy said that the FOMDP would like to request this funding at Fall Town Meeting. The Stanton Foundation only offers grants to ten applicants. The size of the park will be 1-2 acres with separate areas for small and large dogs. Scituate is currently building a dog park.
- Bert O'Donnell said the final cost estimate for the Scituate dog park is over \$500,000.
- Steve Darcy said the Kingston and Scituate Dog Parks both had success in fundraising.
- Michele Campion asked if they had contacted the Animal Control Officer.
- Steve Darcy replied yes he has been in contact with the Animal Control Officer and she fully supports the proposed park.
- Kevin Cantwell asked Steve Darcy if he has contacted the Board of Selectmen Steve Darcy replied yes, he has and Selectman Kelleher suggested the Pratt property for the park.
- Kevin Cantwell asked Steve Darcy to explain the additional \$25,000 above the 10% match (\$25,000) as they were asking for \$50,000.
- Steve Darcy replied that the additional \$25,000 is a soft cost line item for unanticipated costs not covered by the Grant in the budget and the FOMDP must provide at least 10% match of the total projected budget.
- Mike Bilas asked how many dogs are expected to visit the park at any given time. Steve Darcy responded he expects up to 40 dogs, similar to Scituate.
- Michele Campion said there are restrictions on how many dogs can be present at any given time. Steve Darcy said he will research this.
- Bert O'Donnell asked if there are wetlands issues at the Pratt property, (similar to Scituate) and what happened to the proposed Coast Guard Hill site? Steve Darcy responded that they decided not to have the dog park

located to close to an area with a lot of younger children's programs and activities such as near the Recreation Dept. building and fields.

- Bert O'Donnell asked where the Scituate Dog Park is located. He asked about expected maintenance costs. He asked if it will be free admission. Steve Darcy said it is located off the Driftway. He checked with Town Counsel and there will be no admission charge which will ensure the Town is not liable.
- Kevin Cantwell said he will check on the Pratt property Conservation Restriction and that Steve Darcy should check with the Town Planner and other Boards. He asked Steve Darcy to try to respond to the CPC members' questions and concerns. He said he is supportive of the dog park and hopes it will help keep the dogs off of the Town's ball fields.

### **Harbor Park update**

- Marshfield Harbor Master, Mike DiMeo submitted a request for funding to extend the Harbor walk to the Maritime Center. Completion of the harbor walk and upgrades at the Harbor Park will culminate with the completion and opening of the New Maritime Center building which is scheduled to open in late August.
- Kevin Cantwell asked what is left to be completed in the projects as currently there is \$ 151,749 remaining in the Harbor Park budget and \$46,776 in the Harbor Walkway.
- Mike DiMeo said Harbor Park still requires some grass seed, a folding gate (\$3,000 estimated) and 400 rubber caps on the walkway posts which need to be purchased and installed (Town Engineer estimated it will cost \$6,000). Currently contractors are installing new benches and trash bins and there are several requests for donations and sponsorships of the benches. In response to question on the schedule Mike said that all the work will take a few weeks to complete including this request he submitted will. Once the gate, seeding and rubber caps are installed the Harbor walk, Harbor Park P and Maritime Center projects will be completed.
- Mike said he plans to apply in September for CPC funding to extend the Harbor walk from Peter Igo Park to Green Harbor including curbing for bikers and joggers.
- Bud Duksta said that he supports CPC approval of funding to complete the walkway and noted the Harbormaster has been operating out of a trailer for too many years.
- **MOTION:** Kevin Cantwell made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$ 70,925 for the extension of the Harbor Walkway to the new Maritime Center. Funds to be expended from remaining Harbor Walkway and Harbor Park project budgets as follows: \$40,000 from Harbor Walkway and \$30,925 from Harbor Park. Kerry Richardson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Minutes**

- **MOTION:** Kevin Cantwell made a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 CPC Open Meeting minutes. Tim Russo second. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **MOTION:** Kevin Cantwell made a motion to approve the June 13, 2018 CPC Open Meeting minutes. Tim Russo second. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **CPC Finances**

- Kevin Cantwell said that the list of closed out accounts has been submitted to Accounting and is being processed. The returned funds will not be immediately available to use. The CPC will try to close out completed projects and accounts on a quarterly basis.

### **Other Business**

- Kevin Cantwell said that Denis Kelleher has applied for a CPC At-large membership position.

- Denis Kelleher said that he is a 43 year resident of Marshfield, an active volunteer and committed to Marshfield's community and youth sports and would be proud to serve on the CPC.
- Kevin Cantwell asked Marcy Strazer Concannon to check if the Planning Board has a CPC representative.
- Bert O'Donnell asked if it will be possible to hold a certain amount of funds in reserve for future open space purchases. He said other nearby towns have been able to reserve millions of dollars for potential open space purchases.
- Kerry Richardson said the Marshfield Housing Partnership currently has 3-4 projects on going.

**Next Meeting:** The next CPC Open Meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 7pm.

**MOTION:** Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Second by Mike Bilas. All in favor. Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon  
CPC Administrator