

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- APPROVED--
August 8, 2018th, 7:00 pm**

CPC Members in Attendance: Chairman Kevin Cantwell, Tim Russo, Michele Campion (by phone), Bert O'Donnell and Mike Bilas. **Members absent:** Kerry Richardson.

Guests in Attendance: Kathy Williams, Don McAleer, Linda Melville, Doreen Taylor, Rick Taylor, Steve Darcy, Karen O'Donnell, John Planay (WATD news), Denis Kelleher, Jack Dincecco, Judith Dincecco, Victoria Lynch.

Open Meeting

CPC Applications and Updates

Marshfield Dog Park Proposal

- Kevin Cantwell said that the Dog Park cannot be built at the proposed Pratt property due to the recently filed Conservation Restriction (CR) which restricts active recreation on the property. Kevin Cantwell said that the Friends of Marshfield Dog Park (FOMDP) is considering other locations.
- Bert O'Donnell asked about the Coast Guard Hill site.
- Steve Darcy said that the grade is too steep and the dog park needs to be mostly level terrain. The Stanton Foundation requires at least a 10% match. The FOMDP is requesting \$50,000 from CPC: \$25,000 for construction and \$25,000 soft costs. He spoke with Town Counsel about this proposal today. He asked the CPC to offer the FOMDP \$25,000 now and then the FOMDP can apply for the additional expenses later.
- Steve Darcy said that he appreciates the 10% match and needed funds to qualify for the Stanton Foundation grant and agrees to apply for the additional \$25,000 later.
- Mike Bilas asked if you need a bona fide site before Town Meeting.
- Tim Russo asked if he has a short list of potential sites.
- Steve Darcy replied "yes" he has one potential site downtown. And maybe another site in one month.
- Steve Darcy said that the Stanton Foundation only awards ten grants per year and there are a few grants still available.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to fund \$25,000 to the Friends of Marshfield Dog Park, contingent on finding an actual site by the next CPC meeting. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Other Proposals

First Congregational Church:

- Doreen Taylor spoke about the repairs needed at the First Congregational Church, specifically the steeple, windows and siding. The Church will be submitting a funding request to CPC.
- Kevin Cantwell asked them to come next month to discuss their needs.
- Michele Campion said that last night the Marshfield Historical Commission voted to support the CPC funding for the historic Church's repairs. A letter was sent and copied to CPC.

Other Business

Pratt Property Conservation Restriction

- Kevin Cantwell said he spoke with Karen O'Donnell, Open Space Chairwoman, about the process of writing and filing Conservation Restrictions (CR's) and asked her to explain it. In the future, the CR's should be filed immediately following acquisition.
- Karen O'Donnell said that Marshfield is now fully compliant on all its reimbursement requests to record all the CR's. The Pratt CR states that allowable activities on the property are restricted for open space, conservation and historic preservation. The Dog Park is considered "active recreation". She read the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) statement regarding definition for passive vs. active recreation. The new dog park would require infrastructure thus defining it as 'active recreation'. Last August, the EEA signed the CR's but there was a 12 month delay for the demolition. The CR was confirmed by Otis Carney, by August 1st, upon which it was ready to be signed.
- Mike Bilas asked if any CR on an open space property purchased with CPC funding could receive an "active recreation or Open Space" designation on the property.
- Karen O'Donnell responded that had the Pratt Property been purchased with future 'active recreation' use in mind that should have been presented at Town Meeting. Typically, the organization that is responsible for managing the respective CR won't want 'active recreation' on the designated properties. She said there are four votes attached to the Pratt Property and none of them state "recreation" as a possible use. The Pratt buildings qualify for demolition, the Town just needs to acquire the permit.
- Kevin Cantwell said that in the future he'll work with Town Counsel to specify this designation, if needed.
- Michele Campion said that Cindy Castro is actively working to move the Pratt barn to the Fairgrounds.

Other Potential FY 2020 Applications

- Tim Russo said he was approached by some of the Marshfield schools about building school playgrounds. Specifically, the South River School and Eames Way School may seek funding this fall.
- Tim Russo asked Marcy Strazer Concannon to gather the updated news from the Community Preservation Coalition regarding the Acton legal case regarding funding of historically significant religious structures.
- Kevin Cantwell said the new Harbormaster building is opening next Tuesday August 14th.
- Michele Campion said that the Rededication of the Daniel Webster Law Office is August 19th.
- Kevin Cantwell said that all CPC applications for consideration at April 2019 Annual Town Meeting and FY 2020 funding are due by September 30th.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Tim Russo second. All in favor. Motion passed. Open meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next CPC Open Meeting is scheduled September 12th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon
CPC Administrator

