

**Town of Marshfield  
Community Preservation Committee  
Open Meeting Minutes --- APPROVED---  
October 10, 2018<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**CPC Members in Attendance:** Tim Russo, Denis Kelleher, Michele Campion, Bert O'Donnell, Kerry Richardson and Mike Bilas. Members absent: Kevin Cantwell.

**Guests in Attendance:** Jayne Bowman, Judith Johnson, Cindy Castro, Don McAleer, Doreen Taylor, Barbara D. Murray, Jack McDonald, Bud Duksta, Rick Taylor, Joel Boyd, Carrie Sylvester, Peter Dowd, Ed Sullivan, Brendan M. Coyne, Wally Coyle, Bill Grafton, Samantha Woods.

**Open Meeting**

**MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to open the meeting at 7:31pm. Mike Bilas second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Minutes**

- Tim Russo asked if there were any comments on the August 8<sup>th</sup> or September 12<sup>th</sup> draft meeting minutes.
- Bert O'Donnell requested revisions to Karen O'Donnell's statement from the September minutes.

**MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to accept the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes. All in favor. Denis Kelleher abstained. Motion passed.**

**MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to accept the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**CPC Applications**

**North River Shipyard**

- Cindy Castro is requesting \$8,600 to restore two North River shipyard markers in preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shipyard Historical Markers on the North River by the North Rive Historical Association. It's a collaboration between Scituate, Hanover and Pembroke to restore signs/markers at White's Ferry and another at Rexhame. She would like to request one additional marker, Rogers Yard, off of CornHiill Lane in addition to the White's Ferry and Rexhame markers. These will be cast iron signs. The signs will need to be removed sign, restored and the sign and posts replaced. The signs cost \$2,000 each plus the 2 posts for a total of \$10,600 requested amount.
- Tim Russo asked how long it will take to complete the restoration and installation.
- Cindy Castro responded it should require six months.
- Kerry Richardson asked if there will be any required maintenance and is there more than one bidder.
- Cindy Castro replied it should last another 100 years. They only have one bidder so far but they will seek at least one additional bidder.

**Beach Access for All – MOBI Mats**

- Cindy Castro said the MOBI Mats installed at Green Harbor and Rexhame beaches this last summer were very popular with residents and beach users. She is requesting \$26,533 CPC funds for more MOBI mats on a second path at Rexhame Beach, one at Brant Rock to go to the new stairs and a parallel piece along the upper beach at Green Harbor.
- Tim Russo asked where they are currently being stored and how much additional length is being requested.

- Cindy Castro said that they are stored at the DPW barn. She is requesting 400 feet.
- Bert O'Donnell asked if it will go to the water.
- Cindy Castro replied that it won't go to the water.
- Kerry Richardson commented that at last Annual Town Meeting residents were asking if there would be mats at the other beaches.
- Cindy Castro said it isn't feasible due to the high water line at Brant Rock, they may consider adding one on the river side at Rexhame Beach.

### **Document Restoration and Historical Room Renovation**

- Wally Coyle, Chairman of the Ventress Memorial Library Board of the Trustees, is requesting CPC funding to preserve and restore Marshfield's historic documents and artifacts and study needed construction renovations to appropriately safeguard the artifacts. He said they are seeking to save and restore some of Marshfield's most important historical documents from further destruction and decay such as Daniel Webster's documents and letters. He is asking for an outside assessment to preserve these. Only parts of the library are free from roof leaks. An additional challenge is that the FEMA maps show that the Library is 1 ½ feet below the flood zone. It's possible to use the upstairs of the library for the preservation room and might be a better place to store them. He is asking for preservation of the documents, an assessment and an architectural and feasibility study. Some documents that can't be stored at Town Hall will go to the Library,
- Tim Russo asked if this request includes building the room and how much will it cost to build that room.
- Wally Coyle responded it will cost \$80,000 but once the assessment is complete he will have more specific budget.
- Bert O'Donnell asked who owns the documents and will there be enough space to house them.
- Wally Coyle said the Town of Marshfield Historical Commission owns them. He recommends the room is built prior to restoring the documents.
- Tim Russo asked how long will it take and will he come back to ask for funding of the room construction.
- Wally Coyle replied the Library Board of Trustees would like to come back to CPC to request funding of the room which should take about one year.
- Tim Russo said it's possible the documents would sit for one year before the room is built.
- Michele Campion asked if the public will have access to the documents.
- Wally Coyle responded yes, they will be accessible to the public in a fire proof, climate controlled room with assistance from library staff.
- Kerry Richardson asked who currently uses the documents.
- Wally Coyle said that historians, scholars and writers seek information. Marshfield residents are often request information about Daniel Webster. The documents would never leave the room.
- Kerry Richardson asked why CPC should pay to preserve the less valuable documents. The Library should try to work with the state and region to determine which pieces are more valuable and/or duplicates.
- Wally Coyle said that many original documents of Daniel Webster in the Town Records are in fact duplicates.
- Kerry Richardson asked if the Library Board of Trustees has requested funding from the Town for this.
- Wally Coyle said that the library budget has been cut. He has been on the Library Board for nine years and asked the Board of Selectmen to restore funding, which hasn't happened.
- Bert O'Donnell asked which documents are the more rare documents.
- Chris Woods, the Assistant Director of the Library, responded that there is a list of things such as sewing circles or ship logs that tell the stories of Marshfield residents' everyday lives. If they built the document center they can keep it open on nights and weekends for public access.

- Wally Coyle emphasized that time is of the essence to save the documents and ensure access and use. The Library Board is looking for additional funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for renovations.

### **Harbor Walkway Extension Phase II**

- Harbormaster, Mike Dimeo is requesting \$ 283,705 for building the walkway extension of the current Harbor walkway that was constructed in 2016. The walkway will be 5 ½' wide and will go west from Peter Igo park to the Green Harbor intersection with Dyke Road and to the Town Pier for a total of 1545'. The Phase I walkway was 4,400 feet long. There are 5 -7 feet on the south side of the road with curbing. There is no guard rail in this budget.
- Tim Russo asked if he can include pull outs off the boardwalk over the river side and the cost of the pull outs.
- Mike Dimeo responded that yes they can add that. Also some trees and brush will be removed on the north side to allow for a better view. He is asked by a lot of residents to build this walkway extension. The area is growing and now a focal point in the Brant Rock area.
- Tim Russo asked if they will use the same contractor as in Phase I.
- Mike Dimeo responded yes, they will use the same contractor. The listed prices are from the Mass. Highway Division for 2016-2018 but might go higher.
- Bert O'Donnell asked when changes are expected to be made on the dyke.
- Mike Dimeo responded in 10-15 years.
- Bud Duksta, Chairman of the Friends of Peter Igo Park said they have many fitness resources available at Peter Igo Park. They are adding another 16' gazebo on the bluff to view the harbor. He said that each week he sees about 200 people from the Green Harbor area walk along this stretch of the road. Walking across the Dyke Road is dangerous. In his opinion, all local people are supportive of this.
- Jack McDonald, of Ocean Bluff, thanked Harbormaster Mike Dimeo for his work. He's always been baffled why this walkway hasn't been extended along that stretch of the road. He has photos of people walking along the roadway showing how dangerous it has become.

### **First Congregational Church Preservation**

- Doreen Taylor and Rick Taylor of the First Congregational Church are requesting funding to preserve the historic meeting house. They are asking for support to restore the steeple, siding, trim, windows and install insulation. The windows are currently single hung windows. Currently it requires two or three adults to open them. The building isn't insulated and along with the leaking windows, it's very cold. They want to remove the vinyl siding and restore the hardy board to historical standards and restore the bulkhead. At the last CPC meeting the CPC asked for more specifics about using historically accurate materials. They said that steeple renovations are typically done with fiberglass. The Church has raised \$72,000 thus far. They are requesting \$ 183,940 from CPC.
- Tim Russo asked who will replace the windows and restore them to historically accurate standards.
- Rick Taylor said they spoke to someone at the State Mass. Historical Commission who said the Church is not on the State Registry of historic places. They do have an MCRAS # on a registry.
- Tim Russo said that in order to use CPC Historic funding, the work must meet the standards for historic renovation.
- Michele Campion said that it must be historically accurate, according to the guidelines. Does Whitaker have experience working on historic buildings?  
Doreen Taylor responded that he does, as noted in the eight projects mentioned in the application.
- Bert O'Donnell said that it would be helpful to have more information regarding the secular history of the Church.

- Doreen Taylor responded that the meeting house had held Town Meetings there. Daniel Webster had been a member and had paid for a pew.
- Bert O'Donnell said that CPC could cover the exterior work, the windows, clapboard, etc. but probably not the insulation.
- Michele Campion has a few White Papers that may be useful to Doreen Taylor and Rick Taylor regarding the use of CPC funds for historic buildings.
- Kerry Richardson proposed that CPC request Town Counsel's opinion.
- Bert O'Donnell said he agrees CPC should request a legal opinion from Town Counsel.
- Tim Russo agreed that CPC will seek Town Counsel's opinion and will send the White pages documents to Doreen and Rick Taylor.

## **Recreational Trails Project Phase II**

- Steve Goodhue presented the Trails Phase II project. The Recreational Trails Committee would like to renovate three miles of the Bridle trail with stone dust. They want to maintain the trail for multipurpose use. They consulted with the Town Planner and Pat Brennan, who suggested they will need \$15,000 to engineer the parking area. The use of stone dust was recommended by BL Industries in the Trails Study. They would install 6" deep. They need \$5,000 to install signs and ballards for safety to keep motor vehicles off the path. The kiosks will be installed off of South River Street and one at Ferry Street crossing. Those will cost \$4,000 each plus installation. "You are here" signs will be installed at South River and another at Pinehurst.
- Bert O'Donnell asked if the stone dust is included in the grading.
- Ned Bangs answered that, yes, it is included.
- Kerry Richardson asked about maintaining the stone dust.
- Ned Bangs responded that it the new stone dust will help to extend the existing stone dust material.
- Mike Bilas mentioned it's important to grade it properly.

## **Veteran's Memorial Park and South River Improvements**

- Bill Grafton is working with Barney Dowd and the Veteran's groups to reconnect the South River. The Veteran's Memorial Park and South River Improvement Project will improve fish passage at the Veterans Memorial Park and enhance public access and views of the South River. This request is for the Phase II design, engineering and easement preparation. Flood control will be improved with the dam removal and improve the fish passage. It will offer more open space and a crossing bridge over the lagoon. The work will be tiered over several years. The Town owns half of the dam and liability. The neighbor, Scituate Chair Company, is working to establish an easement. The neighbors are part of the team including: Town Administrator, Veterans Groups, North and South Rivers Watershed Association and Mass. Department of ....
- Tim Russo asked if the \$35,000 request will cover the Phase II work.
- Bill Grafton responded that it should be adequate to get though the Phase II.
- Tim Russo asked Bill Grafton how long it will take to complete Phase II and will he need to return to CPC next year for funding.
- Bill Grafton responded it will take one year to complete Phase II. He will not come back until Phase IV.

## **CPC Financials**

- Tim Russo said that Marcy Strazer Concannon is working with the Accounting Department to update the CPC expenditure reports.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next CPC Open Meeting is scheduled November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm.

**MOTION:** Tim Russo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at :01 pm. Mike Bilas second the motion. All in favor.  
Motion passed. Open meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon  
CPC Administrator