

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- February 9, 2022
ZOOM Meeting**

Members Present: Kevin Cantwell - Chair, Bert O'Donnell, Meghan Enwright, Mike Bilas, Denis Kelleher, Kerry Richardson, Michele Campion. Tim Russo - Absent

Guests: Don McAleer, Steve Darcy, Mike Dimeo, Bill Grafton, Mary Murphy

Call to Order: MOTION: K Richardson made a motion to open the meeting at 7:03 pm. M Bilas seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: K Richardson – yes, M Campion – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Enwright – yes, M Bilas – yes, B O'Donnell – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

FY22 STM Applications for Vote:

Dog Park: \$200,000 - Steve Darcy thanked K Cantwell for helping to find a better park location between Roche Bros market and the Boys and Girls Club. The new location is a level lot with existing trees and parking, lowering the projected costs to \$495,000.

K Richardson asked if any other grants or donations were being pursued. How much could be returned back to the CPC. S Darcy said there are grants for already existing parks that they can apply for once completed. He mentioned that wood chips would likely be donated. He estimates that \$25,000 could ultimately be returned to CPC.

D Kelleher asked how this request would be justified being higher priced than any children's playground funded by the CPC. S Darcy explained that there would only be one dog park in Town, and COVID related supply and demand has increased expenses greatly. D Kelleher cautioned if it were to pass at STM, to be mindful of buffers and surrounding fields etc.

M Enwright asked about the timeline from start to finish. S Darcy expected it would go out to bid immediately after funding was secured, hopefully end of April, and be completed by September.

B O'Donnell commented that a 50% match from the Stanton Foundation was substantial. He asked if the Dog Park group was sure they would receive the additional money from the Stanton Foundation. S Darcy answered that all conditions of the grant would be met and he was confident they would receive the money. B O'Donnell advised S Darcy to collect data of the number of households with dogs for his Town presentation.

M Bilas mentioned that although he supports a dog park, he wonders why the request isn't lower if the new location has reduced cost. S Darcy explained the request was calculated at 40% for both estimates.

K Cantwell suggested that \$150,000 may be a better amount, with FMDP funds of \$35,000 already raised, donations, and \$225,000 Stanton Grant.

M Campion compromised with a suggestion for \$175,000. M Enwright agreed.

MOTION: M Campion made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve **\$175,000** for the creation of a dog park. M Enwright seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Campion – yes, K Richardson – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Enwright – yes, B O'Donnell – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Harbor Trail: \$157,000 - Mike Dimeo emailed CPC Administrative Assistant an updated estimate in the amount of \$125,673.24, a document of Town ownership, and photos of current state of trail to distribute to the Board.

M Bilas asked if the Trails Committee is in support. M Dimeo answered that he hopes to have them briefed very soon, and looks forward to working with all committees possible.

D Kelleher asked for clarification that the request is for a walking trail with access only. M Dimeo said it was a passive recreation trail, 6 to 8 feet wide in some areas, 10 to 12 feet wide in other areas.

B Grafton showed his support, having walked the area, and feels it is a very cool environment. It could be a first rate trail with some TLC.

Mary Murphy, President of the BRVA, said safety is her #1 concern and she would like it tested before any project begins. Previously the area was a dump site and she is concerned with toxicity as testing standards have changed since last tested. M Dimeo replied that he would not go forward if it tested poorly; it will be retested and he is very confident it will pass.

B O'Donnell reminded all that the Peter Igo Park is on an old dump site, and the Harbor Park was once a dredge site. The Town Engineer has made a request to Conservation to do bores to test the dredge material. Based on the history of the area that this material was removed from, it is expected to test OK.

MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to recommend Town Meeting approve \$126,000 for a Harbor Trail, contingent upon RTC approval.

K Cantwell urged for further discussion.

K Richardson disagreed with contingency, stating that the Harbormaster would not be proceeding alone, and that safety would be assured in advance.

MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to withdraw the RTC approval contingency and to recommend Town Meeting approve **\$126,000** for a Harbor Trail. K Richardson seconded.

B O'Donnell commented that the Trail should be ADA compliant. M Dimeo assured that he would work with engineers to follow compliance as much as possible for a trail along a berm.

Motion approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: K Richardson – yes, M Campion – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Bilas – yes, M Enwright – yes, K Cantwell – yes, B O'Donnell – yes.

Open Space Liaison: K Cantwell asked if any members would be interested in being a liaison for the Open Space Committee to let him know.

Minutes Review: MOTION: K Richardson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2022 as amended. D Kelleher seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: K

Richardson – yes, D Kelleher – yes, B O’Donnell – yes, M Enwright – yes, M Campion – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Financials:

CPC Dues: MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to approve payment of the Community Preservation Coalition Annual Dues for **\$4,350** from the allotted Dues/Membership Fund. K Richardson seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Bilas – yes, K Richardson – yes, B O’Donnell – yes, M Campion – yes, M Enwright – yes, D Kelleher – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Set Asides: MOTION: K Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve a 10% Set Aside in the amount of **\$254,664** CPC funding for Affordable Housing, **\$254,664** for Historic Preservation, and **\$254,664** for Open Space/Recreation, and a 5% or less Set Aside of **\$82,000** for Administration, with the balance of Funds to the Unreserved Account. K Richardson seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: K Richardson – yes, M Campion – yes, M Enwright – yes, B O’Donnell – yes, M Bilas – yes, D Kelleher – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Other Business: K Richardson updated the Board on housing matters.

-The Executive Director of the Housing Authority has interest in also performing the duties of the Housing Partnership Coordinator, but some members question if it would be a conflict of interest. Town Counsel has been requested to draw up a MOU for submission to the ethics commission.

-There is a plan for construction of two duplexes for three family units and possibly one senior unit. An application for funding could be submitted to CPC.

-They hope to get 32 affordable units funded over the next couple years.

-The MHA would like to take back the office space at Grace Ryder, once used by the Housing Coordinator, and move that position to Town Hall.

B O’Donnell asked if all units would count toward the 10% requirement. K Richardson said age restricted units are not included.

Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn: MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to end the meeting at 8:36 pm. K Richardson seconded. Approved 7-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Campion – yes, K Richardson – yes, B O’Donnell – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Enwright – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Pomella
CPC Administrative Assistant

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