

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- October 19, 2022
OPEN MEETING**

Members Present: Kevin Cantwell - Chair, Kerry Richardson, Michele Campion, Denis Kelleher, Mike Bilas, Stephen Merrick. **Absent:** Michael Devlin-Horne, Bert O'Donnell

Guests: Fred Russell, Maureen Smith, Tom Reynolds, John Eaton

Call to Order: MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to open the meeting at 7:03 pm. K Richardson seconded. Roll Call: M Bilas – yes, M Campion – yes, D Kelleher – yes, Stephen Merrick – yes, Kerry Richardson – yes, Kevin Cantwell – yes.

FY 2024 Applications:

G.A.R. Hall: Fred Russell, Town Facilities Manager, reviewed with the Board what has been completed at G.A.R. Hall with the grant awarded at ATM2021. The rear wall of the building was rebuilt, asbestos was abated, and the rotted framing and door was replaced at an emergency egress. F Russell added that \$12,500 was raised by the NRAS (North River Art Society) for a composite decking ADA ramp.

- Maureen Smith, NRAS Executive Director, commended F Russell and Tony Bullock, Assistant Facilities Manager, for their help addressing the most egregious repairs and ADA issues. The building now needs to address roof, windows, tree trimming, paint, and heating. The repair estimate is \$180,000; they are requesting **\$140,000** in CPC funds.
- M Bilas questioned if the heat should be the responsibility of tax payers. M Smith replied that a split system would allow the building to be used for youth summer classes and year round exhibits. M Bilas asked if NRAS was committed to increasing access for the citizens of Marshfield to the various programs they offer and will offer in the future. She replied yes, they were committed to having more outreach in the community.
- F Russell said they would be looking for Mass Save programs to help defray expenses.
- K Richardson advised M Smith to contact the Historical Commission for endorsement. M Campion said to contact Chair, Cindy Castro to be put on the agenda; a letter of support should be expected.
- K Cantwell said previous concerns were that maintenance was not completed by former NRAS members as the lease required. M Smith explained that there has been a major turnover of Board members since COVID. She was hired in May as the first Executive Director for NRAS and is committed in leading them to follow the terms of the lease.
- D Kelleher appreciated her excitement. He cautioned to be mindful of abutters concerns and to plan ahead for future funding.
- K Richardson asked if this was considered Repairs Phase II of multiple phases, or the final phase. M Smith answered that more repairs are likely but they do not have a long term management plan yet.

- Neighbor, John Eaton, inquired if there could be permanent handicap parking signs placed. F Russell said it was possible.

Playground/Ballfield Upgrades: Tom Reynolds, DPW Superintendent, is requesting **\$100,000** to fund the needed development and fencing upgrades. He feels this money could include the dugouts requested of Brian Murphy. K Cantwell asked him to confirm with Brian Murphy that both projects would be possible if funded together.

T Reynolds updated the Board of progress: the Tower Ave basketball court has been installed and painted, the playground is complete, and fencing will be up soon. At Rockwood Rd, slabs have been poured for the portable toilets, trees planted, and the shade shelter designed. They are working to get a well installed and to repair damage done by cars on the field.

- K Cantwell asked if the previously discussed cameras would be installed. T Reynolds said he was working with Mike Dimeo to see what could be done.

- K Richardson asked if pickle ball lines could be painted on Peter Igo tennis courts; residents would like more availability. D Kelleher advised Craig Jameson to be contacted, he has insight on this matter. T Reynolds cautioned that a pending injury lawsuit in CT could influence a decision.

Marshfield Hills Playground: T Reynolds is also requesting **\$65,000** in additional funds for the equipment at the playground to include two different age levels. The existing structures must be removed entirely. Costs continue to increase so he would like to purchase some equipment right away and store until spring installation. This is the last playground to be updated.

- S Merrick asked if this cost included installation. T Reynolds said it did.

- John Eaton, abutter to the playground, gave his full support, saying it is a very popular spot for younger families that are new to the neighborhood.

Open Space/Recreation Plan Update: K Cantwell explained it is time for the required 7 year plan update, cost - **\$48,000**. An outside entity will be hired to review what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done in Town.

- M Bilas asked if they were ready to vote on this application. K Richardson wondered if they should wait until 3 bids were obtained. K Cantwell assured them, based on neighboring Town costs, the \$48,000 would be more than enough to cover the expense.

MOTION: M Bilas made a motion to recommend Town meeting approve no more than \$48,000 for the required update to the Open Space/Recreation Plan. D Kelleher seconded. Motion passed 6-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Bilas – yes, K Richardson – yes, Stephen Merrick – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Campion – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Minutes Review: MOTION: K Richardson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2022 as drafted. M Campion seconded. Motion approved 5-0-1 by Roll Call Vote: M Campion – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Richardson – yes, D Kelleher – yes, K Cantwell – yes. S Merrick – Abstain.

Financials: K Richardson asked that James Marathas of the Marshfield Housing Authority be contacted to see if the Verizon phone and Fios could be discontinued at Grace Ryder office, eliminating the \$150/month bills.

Other Business:

- K Cantwell would like T Reynolds invited back to the next meeting as well as Bud Duksta.
- K Richardson mentioned that the MHP 5 year plan update will be required soon. They received an unsolicited proposal for \$20,000. He also questioned that in light of the Harbor Trail rejection at Town meeting, is there more that the CPC can do, should have done to show support. K Cantwell agreed that there could have been better preparation.

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

Adjourn: MOTION: K Richardson made a motion to end the meeting at 8:15 pm. M Bilas seconded. Approved 6-0 by Roll Call Vote: S Merrick – yes, M Campion – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Richardson – yes, D Kelleher – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Pomella
CPC Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved November 9, 2022