

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- May 10, 2023
ZOOM MEETING**

Members Present: Kevin Cantwell - Chair, Denis Kelleher – Vice Chair, Michele Campion, Mike Bilas, Bert O'Donnell. Stephen Merrick – 7:05pm.

Guests: Bill Finn, Michael Maresco, Susan Caron, Craig Hannafin, Pam Harght, Genevieve Reynolds

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

Minutes Review: MOTION: D Kelleher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2023 as drafted. M Campion seconded. Motion approved 5-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Campion – yes, B O'Donnell – yes, D Kelleher – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Cantwell – yes.

S Merrick joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

Veteran's Park Project Improvements: Bill Finn, environmental advisor to the Conservation Commission, updated the Board on the status of Veteran's Park project, ATM20. The purpose of the project is to remove the dam and fish ladder and return it to its natural state, improving the passage of fish to the South River. Improvements to failing park features will also enhance the access and view for the public. All major permits will have been submitted by the end of the month. Once permits are in place they can finish the design. Design is considered 60% – 90% complete, depending on the need for alterations from permit feedback.

Project Construction is estimated at \$2.6 million. B Finn is working diligently to acquire various outside grants to cover these costs.

- S Merrick asked what would be done with the existing water wheel. B Finn answered that the feature would remain, as requested by the veterans.
- D Kelleher appreciated the efforts made to work together with the veterans.
- B O'Donnell said the park is in need of a rehab; the fish have a difficult time making passage. He also commented that the biggest expense is in maintaining the features, and that when the Project was proposed by Former Conservation Agent Grafton that no further CPC funds would be requested.

Next Meeting: OPEN HOUSE June 14, 2023. 7:00 pm. G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street

Executive Session: At 7:21pm, K Cantwell made a MOTION to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town and not to return to open meeting at the conclusion. M Bilas seconded. Motion approved 6-0 by Roll Call Vote: M Campion – yes, B O'Donnell – yes, S Merrick – yes, M Bilas – yes, K Cantwell – yes, D Kelleher – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Pomella
CPC Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved August 9, 2023