

**Town of Marshfield
Community Preservation Committee
Open Meeting Minutes --- *APPROVED*
January 9th, 2019 7:00 pm**

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

Members absent: Kerry Richardson.

Guests in Attendance: Bud Duksta, Ned Bangs, Wally Coyle, Don McAleer, Mike Dimeo, Michael Maresco, Robert Shaughnessy, Meghan Enwright, Fred Monaco, Heather Sarabia, Vicki McPherson, Chris Woods, Beth Winn, Anne Marie Ford, Bob Griffin, Peter Mandly, Barney, Narice Casper, Samantha Woods, Bill Grafton, Paul Sullivan, Nancy Jordan and Jean Milch and Joseph McDonald

Open Meeting

MOTION: Chairman Kevin Cantwell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:02 pm. Michele Campion second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to accept the December 12th, 2019 CPC open meeting minutes as amended by comments from Bert O'Donnell and Kevin Cantwell. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

CPC Applicants for FY 2020 funding

Harbor Walkway Extension Phase II

- Marshfield Harbormaster Mike Dimeo said the walkway extension will now link Peter Igo Park, the Brant Rock Esplanade and Town Pier with the Green Harbor Village and add five parking spaces. There was a 6' shift of the roadway from what DPW built last summer. Two benches will be added to overlook the harbor. The Phase II work addresses safety issues and adds passive recreation value. He just received partial funding for two kayak storage racks for convenient seasonal storage and use at the Green Harbor River. The saltwater license fee will also help pay for the racks.
- Bert O'Donnell said this project will provide many benefits to the Green Harbor area but he doesn't think CPC should set a precedent to fund sidewalks. He said the CPC has received previous requests to fund sidewalk projects in Marshfield and the CPC has turned them down. He said that approval and funding of sidewalks should come through DPW and the Planning Department since they have control of the sidewalk fund.
- Mike Dimeo responded that the harbor walkway is 5 feet wide and typically sidewalks are only 3-4 feet wide. This is a very scenic walkway to enjoy Marshfield's waterfront. The CPC helped to fund the harborwalk to the Maritime Center and benches. There is a lot of public demand and support for the extension.
- Tim Russo said the Harbor Walkway Extension will have viewing and fishing areas and benches in areas off the Harbor Walkway for all residents to enjoy. Kevin Cantwell stated that he spoke with DPW Superintendent, Tom Reynolds, who told him the proposed Phase II walkway was not in the envelope of the street.
- Bud Duksta said that historically Daniel Webster had a duck hunting blind on that island near the current coffee shack, which was also his boat launch so this area also has historical value. He strongly supports this project and wants to get it done.
- Don McAleer said that he walks in this area every day and sees people walking there, including strollers, young people and older people. It is a heavily used pedestrian area.
- Town Administrator Mike Maresco said that when Marshfield was built up most of the coast line properties with the ocean views were privately purchased. Today most of Marshfield's coast line views are blocked to the

public. This Harbor walkway/extension from the first phase will open up that view for Marshfield residents and the additional 15,000 summer visitors.

MOTION: Tim Russo made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$322,216 CPC funding for the Harbor Walkway Phase II. Denis Kelleher second the motion. Kevin Cantwell, Tim Russo, Mike Bilas, Denis Kelleher and Michele Campion in favor. Bert O'Donnell opposed. Motion passed.

South River School Playground and Access Ramp

- South River School (SRS) parent and PTO President, Beth Winn, said that SRS would like to build four components on the new playground: motor skills, challenge, fitness circuit and a slide on the hill. Childscapes was chosen to design and build the playground. They are a local company and have children at South River School. They are considering four different scenarios depending on fund raising. The options range from 100% rubber flooring to a combination rubber flooring and wood chips. She said they met with the Town DPW engineer who said SRS needs to include an ADA ramp/path to the playground for compliance. She talked to McDougall Brothers for a quote on the cement pathway. McDougall Brothers gave an estimate of \$12,600 as a partial quote for the cement and site work. She's still waiting on the final quote.
- Billy Last Jr. said the retaining wall/ramp could cost roughly \$25,000 - \$35,000, depending on the structural issues, which is in addition to the \$12,600.
- Tim Russo asked about the SRS fundraising to date for the project.
- Beth Winn replied that they have already raised \$25,000. They're planning a golf tournament in May that will be a big fundraiser. After that event they'll request sponsorships. They have also applied for grants.
- Bert O'Donnell asked where the walkway leads to other than the playground. Does it lead to the playing field below?
- Kevin Cantwell said it will also access the soccer field.
- Beth Winn mentioned that the field is often used for cheer leading and a few town soccer programs and camps.
- Mike Bilas asked what is the total requested amount, \$135,000?

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$135,000 CPC funding for the South River School playground and additional \$40,000 CPC funds for the access ramp/walkway for a total of \$175,000 CPC funding. Should the actual costs of the ramp construction be less than \$ 40,000 the balance shall be returned to CPC. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Eames Way School Playground

- Nancy Jordan, Meghan Enwright and Eames Way School Vice Principal Jean Milch said they want to build a playground closer to the school building. They chose a more central location. They are working with Childscapes and selecting structures largely requested by their student's. They have a fundraising plan and are currently requesting \$135,000 in CPC funding for the project.
- Kevin Cantwell said that Childscapes is on the state procurement list which could save money for both projects.
- Tim Russo asked if DPW will remove the old structures.
- Meghan Enwright responded that they are working with a charity that might remove them, then recycle and restore them in another country.

MOTION: Denis Kelleher made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$ 135,000 CPC funding for a new playground at Eames Way School. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Document Restoration and Historical Room Renovation

- Wally Coyle, Narice Casper and Chris Woods were present in support of this project. Wally Coyle said that he and the Board had responded to questions from CPC following the CPC December meeting. The list of priority documents was compiled following recommendations from the Northeast Document Center (NEDC) Study funded with \$5,000 of CPC funds. The Library Board has a legal responsibility to preserve all documents and materials that have been bequeathed to the Town.
- Narice Casper said that she had overseen a CPC- funded project that restored and preserved three Town books from the 1600s, 1700's and 1800's. The Clerk has records which may offer an official snapshot of the town.

However the library documents and materials may contain some that had been mass produced but are still vital to our Town's history. There may be many personal papers and materials to offer a unique and personal snapshot of our past. The next priority will be to preserve the old Town Meeting tapes.

- Bert O'Donnell had spoken with Chris Woods about these issues and is now satisfied with the Library Board's responses.
- Narice Casper said the digitized copies allow a person to enlarge the text which is really helpful in reading and researching the old materials.
- Mike Maresco said that in his prior capacity as Assistant Secretary of State it was very important to provide public access to the documents. He is also very supportive of rebuilding new playgrounds.

MOTION: Bert O'Donnell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$120,970 CPC funding for document restoration and preservation of materials at the Ventress Memorial Library. Michele Campion second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Veteran's Memorial Park and South River Improvements

- Bill Grafton introduced the team working on the project: Mike Maresco, Tom Reynolds, Rod Procaccino, Charlie Swanson, Ed Sullivan, Bob Griffin, Barney Dowd, Peter Mandly, Nick Wildman (Massachusetts Department of Ecological Restoration), Tony Paparazzo, Anthony Paparazzo and Sam Woods (North and South Rivers Watershed Association). He is grateful for the \$35,000 support from CPC to get through the Phase II Study. He said that Mike Maresco had facilitated the discussion with Merrill Associates for their in-kind donation pertaining to engineered drawings.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$35,000 CPC funding for the phase II study of the Veteran's Memorial Park and South River Improvement project. Bert O'Donnell second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Housing Coordinator

- Kevin Cantwell said there is currently \$72,000 remaining in the Housing Coordinator Salary's project account. For this reason, he recommends reducing the requested amount to \$25,000.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$25,000 CPC funding for support of the Marshfield Housing Coordinator's Salary. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

DPW Ballfields and Playgrounds

- Kevin Cantwell said that at the last CPC meeting Tim Russo had questions about the proposed alignment of the fields. He said that Tom Reynolds had said DPW was aware of the Field Study on that issue as they rebuild the new fields.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$100,000 CPC funding for the Ballfields and Playgrounds requested by DPW. Mike Bilas second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed

Rexhame Terrace Beach Boardwalk

- Kevin Cantwell said that Tom Reynolds was not present but supports the proposed amount of \$55,000 for DPW to design and engineer a possible boardwalk from the Winslow Road Extension through the dunes.
- Bob Shaughnessy said given the outcome of the 2015 court case that allowed the public access through the Winslow Road extension, the dunes are getting a lot more people on the dunes in addition to the storm damage. If the dunes are destroyed there is potential for flooding to go all the way to downtown Marshfield. He would like to have Porter Avenue to Parker Avenue be kept private and encourage most access through Old Rexhame to the beach. ➔
- Bert O'Donnell asked longtime residents Robert Shaughnessy and Joseph McDonald if the path was always wet or had something changed.
- Bob Shaughnessy said when the surge comes in it creates a pond.

- Joseph McDonald said that area is typically wet in summer. The dune system needs work.

MOTION: Denis Kelleher made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$55,000 CPC funding for the Rexhame Terrace Beach Boardwalk. Kevin Cantwell second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Recreational Trails Project Phase II

- Ned Bangs said the BL Industries report mentioned the Bridle trail a top priority as a central spine through the network of Marshfield's trails to be multi-use for bike, horses, ski and snow shoes. The Recreation Trails Committee is working with Town Planner, Greg Guimond and Pat Brennan for engineering design and budget. The trail will be 10' wide and include 6" of stone dust with painted cross walks, kiosks and 'you are here' signs. In terms of possible benches, once the new pathway work is complete the Committee will look at the possible installation of benches considering feedback from residents. There is a possibility of receiving specific donations for benches. The RTC has the opportunity to partner with Bill Grafton of the Conservation Commission and volunteers for maintenance. The "We are Marshfield" kids are committed to work on the trails this spring.
- Bill Grafton said that the Boy Scouts, volunteers and charitable corporations have brought in \$25,000 of in-kind services for the trails.
- Tim Russo asked when the work is expected to be complete.
- Vicki McPherson said it will take about year from the time the work begins.
- Kevin Cantwell said that while he supports the Trails Program he was concerned as we are being asked to spend \$150,000 on stone dust which will need to be maintained and that the DPW plows across the trail at a couple points for access to wells in the winter.
- Ned Bangs said that he will contact DPW about helping with some of the grading.
- Joe McDonald said he uses the trails with his daughters and really likes and appreciates the trails of Marshfield.
- Bill Grafton said that the Bridle Trail as a central spine through the network of Marshfield's trails.

MOTION: Michele Campion made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$ 199,348 CPC funding for the Recreational Trails Phase II project. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Beach Access For All Residents – MOBI Mats

- Beach Administrator Cindy Castro said the addition of new MOBI mats last summer were a huge success. One mat was installed at Rexhame and now they would like to install another on the main pathway through the dunes to the beach and additional ones at Old Rexhame.
- Kevin Cantwell said he is aware that the DPW is working on the Old Rexhame beach and possible boardwalk.
- Bob Shaughnessy asked if that is the wetlands issue.
- Bill Grafton said it is a low impact area and the MOBI mats are low impact and temporary. In the case of the Green Harbor it was a good thing that the old Green Harbor boardwalk was removed and replaced with the temporary MOBI mats on the existing path.
- Kevin Cantwell asked if she needs to seek Conservation Agent approval or have a due diligence review.
- Bill Grafton said as he reviewed the two CPC funded new school playground project sites, he would need to do a due diligence conservation review of the potential boardwalk site as well.
- Kevin Cantwell asked Cindy Castro what length of mats is required at Rexhame Beach.
- Cindy Castro replied that 200' is required.
- Bill Grafton said he might recommend MOBI mats to get to the boardwalk.
- Bert O'Donnell asked Cindy Castro if she would install/remove and store the additional mats proposed for the Winslow Avenue area, this has been done by the DPW.
- Kevin Cantwell proposed including an additional \$10,000 to the \$26,533 requested by Cindy Castro for a total of \$36,533 for MOBI mats at Rexhame and Old Rexhame.
- Tim Russo asked to amend the motion to state that if the mats are not used in that location that they can be used in another beach location.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell revised his motion to include Mr. Russo's amendment and recommend that Town Meeting approve \$36,533 CPC funding for improved beach access for all residents including additional MOBI mats. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

North River Shipyard Marker Restoration

- Cindy Castro is requesting \$10,600 to remove, restore and replace three shipyard markers on the North River. They will be taken down, soda blasted, restored and replaced. The one at Rexhame only needs work on the sign and the two others will require new posts as well.

MOTION: Michele Campion made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve \$10,600 CPC funding to restore and replace the three shipyard markers. Bert O'Donnell second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Cedar Grove and Marshfield Hills Cemeteries

- Kevin Cantwell said that the DPW had expressed concern that they didn't have the resources, specifically engineering, available to assist with any new cemetery projects this year.
- Bert O'Donnell expressed his appreciation for all the work Tom Whalen has done for the CPC and the Town cemeteries.
- Bob Shaughnessy said that he spoke with Tom Whalen about expanding Couch Cemetery.
- Kevin Cantwell said that Tom Reynolds said he would need another ½ time or full time engineer to work on that.
- Billy Last Jr. asked how much it would cost DPW to oversee the two new proposed cemetery projects.
- Michele Campion replied that even if Tom Whalen were to include engineering services within his budget, the DPW would still need to oversee the project and bidding process.
- Denis Kelleher said that Tom Reynolds had said at the December CPC meeting that he would consider this project in one year.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting not fund the Cedar Grove Cemetery Fence Enclosure in the amount of \$171,000 CPC funding and not fund the Marshfield Hills Cemetery project in the amount of \$86,240 CPC funding. Mike Bilas second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

CPC Set-Asides

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to recommend that Town Meeting approve a 10% Set Aside in the amount of \$179,278 CPC funding for Historic Preservation, a 10% Set Aside in the amount of \$179,278 for Open Space/Recreation, 10% Set Aside in the amount of \$179,278 for Affordable Housing and a 5% Set Aside in the amount of \$82,000 for Administration, with the balance of Funds to the Unreserved Account. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Prior Minutes

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to approve the December 12th, 2018 CPC Open Meeting minutes with the approved changes. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

CPC Finances

- Kevin Cantwell said that he spoke with Mike Maresco recently who agreed to set up a meeting between Kevin Cantwell, Mike Maresco, Patrick Della Russo, Christine McCarthy and Marcy Strazer Concannon.

Other Business

- Billy Last Jr. said that there are a lot of prior year taxes coming into the Town which should also boost CPC revenues from the tax surcharge.
- Michele Campion asked Billy Last Jr. if there is any news on the Dog Park proposal.

- Billy Last Jr. said there are two possible parcels available for a dog park. However one is in a possible flood zone and another is contiguous on land donated to the town. He is working with Town Planner, Greg Guimond, and Town Administrator, Mike Maresco, to see if either property will work for a dog park. About 1.5 acres is required for dog park.

Next Meeting

- The next CPC Open Meeting is scheduled for February 13th , 2019.

MOTION: Kevin Cantwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Tim Russo second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Open meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Strazer Concannon
CPC Administrator