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WRENTHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, June 24, 2020

7:00 pm

via GoToMeeting videoconference call

There was no in-person attendance at this meeting.

Present: Chair Scott Manchuso, Mark Cuddy, Robin McDonald, Chuck Woodhams, Leo Immonen, Alan Richard, Alex Leonard, Jane D'Amico and Heather Ledbetter – Administrative Assistant. Steve Langley was absent.

At 7:04 pm Mr. Manchuso, Chair, called the meeting to order.

- **Project Discussion**

Two projects were submitted from the Recreation Commission. Mr. Manchuso said that the application materials appeared to be complete. He then asked Mr. Adelsberger representing the Recreation Commission to describe the projects.

1. Rice Field Walking Path – The project has been in the works since the early 2000's as part of the recreation master plan but was not included in Phase 1. The path is now longer than originally envisioned to accommodate 5K races and the cost is estimated at \$72,000. Mr. Immonen requested a copy of the Recreation Site Investigation and Masterplan 2002 sited in the project application which Mr. Adelsberger will provide. Mr. Manchuso suggested that the project budget would need to be solidified before the Town Meeting. Jeff Plympton and Chuck Adelsberger will meet with the Town Administrator regarding bids for the project and the possibility of in-house engineering. Mr. Manchuso made a motion to accept this project as CPC funding eligible which was unanimously accepted 8-0.

Ms. D'Amico mentioned that if the walkway was approved for funding that the Open Space Committee may want to apply for clusters of birdhouses and shrubs to be installed along the path. Mr. Immonen felt that since this project was not submitted on time it should be deferred until the following year. Mr. Manchuso said that given the unusual circumstances of Covid – 19 this year he would like the Committee to accommodate any late eligibility applications during the next meeting in July and the majority of members agreed.

2. Rail Trail/King Phillip Greenway - A Norfolk resident (Zack) organized a Friends group on Facebook to support a Rail trail on the old Old Colony line through Norfolk, Wrentham, Walpole, Plainville and North Attleboro. The trail would be 15-17 miles long with 1/3 of it being located in Wrentham. The CPC funding application would support a feasibility study for the Rail

Trail which would include recommendations and costs. Mr. Immonen requested that Mr. Adelsberger provide a map of the existing Old Colony Rail as it stands now in Wrentham to the CPC. Mr. Woodhams said that during the Town Center rezoning the Rail project was very popular with residents. Mr. Manchuso advised that the budget for this project would also need to be firmed up prior to Town Meeting. He also suggested that the applicants consider becoming a 501c3 non-profit group if the Recreation Committee is not running this project. Mr. Manchuso made a motion to accept this project as CPC funding eligible which was unanimously accepted 8-0.

- Mr. Richards did some research about the types of housing projects funded by the CPC in other towns. His research indicated that maintenance projects on existing properties had been funded in other Towns. The Housing Authority Board may invite the CPA organization to one of their meetings to clarify the types of projects which are eligible.
- Mr. Manchuso asked the Town Administrator about options for the Mirror Lake project as they are not a 5013c. Mr. Manchusco also asked for a sign to be placed at the Rice playground construction site indicating that it is funded with CPC funds.
- **Finance Report and discussion** – Mr. Manchuso will get a report update from the Town Accountant to send to the Committee.
- **Minutes of 5/27/20 Meeting** – Ms. McDonald made a motion to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded and unanimously approved 8-0.

Mr. Woodhams made a motion to adjourn at 8:08p which was seconded and unanimously approved 8-0.
Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant.

Next Community Preservation Committee Meeting Date: July 22, 2020