

# HOLLISTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES  
7:30 Monday October 1, 2012  
Town Hall, Room 014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Attending: Sam Tyler, Chair. Chris Bajdek, Frank Chamberlain, Warren Chamberlain, Tom Dumas, Rachel Kane, Melissa Kaspern, Liz Newlands, Mike Pelon

## **I. Public Hearing**

There being no citizens present, the Committee moved on to the regular agenda.

## **II. Committee Meeting**

The committee scheduled one more meeting to consider the proposals that the CPC will recommend to the October Town Meeting, after Mr Tyler has reviewed them with the Finance Committee.

### **A. Presentation of the Parks Department**

Kristen Hedrick, Assistant Director of the Recreation Department, presented the proposal. Also present were: Maureen Korson, Department Director; Tom Chipman, Chairman of the Board; Brett Morrison and Paul Healy, Board members. Michelle Johnson of the Finance Committee observed.

Mr Tyler commended Ms Korson for her part in helping at the State House hearings that resulted in the current CPA policy.

#### Summary of the Proposal:

The four tennis courts at Goodwill Park have been under-maintained for years and suffer from a drainage problem that will require a complete digging up of the court surface and drainage mitigation steps taken followed by completely resurfacing the court surface. Past temporary drainage repairs have not succeeded in solving the problem. The tennis courts exterior layers will need to be shredded, removed and then re-layered with the appropriate sub-surface layers, surface layers, top coats, sealants and necessary paints. This work is estimated to cost \$60,000 per court or \$240,000. The courts are used by residents, groups, the Holliston High School boys' and girls' tennis teams and the Parks and Recreation Department's tennis classes. These are the only usable tennis courts in Holliston. Once the work is completed, ongoing maintenance of the court would be funded by usage fees placed in a revolving fund. The new courts would come with a 25-year guarantee.

The basketball court at Goodwill Park was last resurfaced in 2002 and what is proposed is to apply a sealant to preserve the existing layers of the court, which are in serviceable condition and not affected by drainage problems. The cost of this work is estimated at \$10,000. That also includes estimates for replacing backboards and hoops and benches for the court. Finally, the proposal includes the enhancement of existing lighting and installation of additional lighting to

this area. The existing lighting is inadequate for tennis and basketball courts. What is proposed are new energy efficient lighting fixtures for existing poles and an additional four poles and related fixtures for an estimated cost of \$50,000.

**B. Discussion of Proposals**

Mr Tyler summarized the status of CPA reserves and anticipated new funds, and stated that there were adequate resources to approve the proposals under consideration.

Discussion included: how late lights would be on; whether four courts is adequate, given the use by the school teams, the parks and the community; whether there should be an additional court added, or if schools could have their own courts; what energy costs would be; how the maintenance would be handled; if phasing the project would be appropriate; what the timing of the proposal should be for Town Meeting; whether to request a recommendation for a contribution from the Town's capital budget from the Finance Committee; and whether to make CPC approval contingent on Town participation in the cost.

The Committee agreed to have Mr Tyler attend the Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, with a Capital Budget Proposal. He would report their response to the CPC, so that the Committee could craft proposals for the Town Meeting warrant.

**C. New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 15 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Woodrow

Approved November 8, 2012