

TOWN of HOLLISTON
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 8:00 P.M.
Holliston Town Hall, Room 014

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman convened the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Attending: Frank Chamberlain (chair), Chris Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Melissa Kaspern, Michael Pelon, Eva Stahl

Absent: Thomas Dumas, John Vosburg

1. Review the calendar for current grant cycle ^[1]_{SEP}

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday March 18 at 7:30 pm, before the regular meeting.

2. Review and Discuss Cemetery Restoration Proposal – A. Minihan

The proposal has been withdrawn. The Historical Commission will look to assist with developing the proposal further.

1. Review and Discuss Parks and Recreation Stoddard Park drainage proposal.

Ms. Kaspern reviewed the presentation that Mr. Frank gave on 2/12/20:

- Mr. Frank stated that the project is well ahead of schedule. Due to the warm winter, excavation can begin sooner than expected, and thus not interrupt the spring game schedule. The anticipated finish date is April 15, and most fields are expected to be dry and ready for use by then. Maintenance has been arranged for this season.
- There was a discussion of the developments in last year's the CPC approved funding for an in-kind match of \$40,000 for a DEP grant. The stated purpose of the grant was to remove phosphorus from Lake Winthrop. Unfortunately the feedback from the grant committee was that Holliston does not qualify, primarily because the Town does not have enough of the lakefront under its management to adequately address the runoff problems into the lake.
- The Department is now seeking other funding for a project to address the drainage issues at the park so that it can put sand down at the Stoddard Park beach. In November they approached the Conservation Commission about how to get permitted to place new beach sand down at the lake. One suggestion was to build a shallow, low-impact vegetative swale that diverted the water at Stoddard from flowing through the beach, so that the sand could be considered a maintenance issue.
- Civilized Solutions has drawn a plan to deal with the drainage. Mr. Frank displayed the plan. The contractor who is managing the field project gave a ballpark estimate of the project cost at \$20,000. That is the amount the Park Department would be seeking CPC funding for.
- The Parks Department believes that the project would benefit all recreational users of Lake Winthrop and address concerns about the beach that were made clear in its public survey from November 2018, in conjunction with its Master Plan.

Ms. Kaspern stated that Mr. Frank has since received an estimate with a lower cost. The current proposal is for two swales at Stoddard Park only, with a total project cost of \$9,999.00 out of the CPA

Open Space and Recreation earmarks. This will begin to address the community concerns from the master plan survey goal of increasing user satisfaction at the beach.

2. New Business

Frank Chamberlain spoke of discussion he had about the court precedent established in an Acton CPA case, disallowing their town funding of improvements to a historic church.

Warren Chamberlain noted that the Massachusetts Housing Partnership will host an “Affordable Housing Trust plus CPA Conference” daylong training on March 14, 2020 8am-3pm at the Courtyard Marriot in Marlboro.

3. Approval Of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 26 meeting as read. Ms. Kaspern

SECOND: Mr. Bajdek

VOTE: 6-0 Approved

The next meeting will include a Public Session, Wednesday March 18, at 7:30pm.

Upon unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodrow, Clerk