

Community Preservation Committee

October 23, 2012

Police Station Conference Station

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Dissette at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Mike Dissette, Mary Lou Gagnon, Jane Healey, Paul Healy, Judith Grohe, Don Little, Bob Uhlig and Margaret Welch. Dianne Eppa was also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Mike Dissette moved to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2012 meeting as submitted. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Annual Public Information Meeting

The 2013 application for funding was circulated to the CPC members for their comments. Jane Healey requested it be specified that the cost estimate submitted with the application is to be a current one.

Mike Dissette said that under the CPA statute, a hearing must be held annually in order that the public might have an opportunity to comment on the use of resources for historic preservation, open space or affordable housing projects.

Steve Bradbury said he would like the CPC members to be more involved with the youth in the community and he would like them to make a difference in the lives of the youth. He said he was disturbed that the committee withdrew the funding for the World War Memorial Stadium. In his opinion funding is not urgent for any other projects and the condition of the stadium is an embarrassment. Bob Uhlig explained that the committee does not propose applications, it only responds to them. He said the commitment was retracted because the promised progress in receiving funding from other sources was not achieved. Mike Dissette said the recreation portion of the project had not previously been eligible for funding under the statute. Jane Healey suggested that Mr. Bradbury encourage those in positions of responsibility to submit an application for funding. Don Little said Mr. Bradbury's comments were appreciated. Joe Spaulding also spoke in support of funding for the stadium. Steve Bergholm said the stadium presents a safety issue and the field is used for a wider variety of activities than it had been in the past. He also said the exterior woodwork on the school is in a state of disrepair and this is another project for which funding would be sought.

Mike Dissette said that because of the recent changes to the statute he expects the committee will receive many recreation-based applications in the next funding cycle. Margaret Welch asked if a part of the land at the end of Hamilton Way is to be made a playing field. Dianne Eppa said the land is a part of the subdivision and developer would bear the cost of the construction of the

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field. The City would be responsible for the maintenance of the field, which would be an extension of the fields at the Nock Middle School and the Molin Upper Elementary School. Bob Uhlig said the Youth Soccer League might submit an application for a second field at Cherry Hill.

Don Little said the question of the appropriateness of funding projects for churches seems to be raised each year. He said it might not be clear that the projects are funded because the structures are historically important and preservation restrictions are placed on them.

5. Project Updates

Quarterly reports were received for:

Belleville Congregation Church Restoration Project

Clipper City Rail Trail Phase II

Housing Rehabilitation Program

Saint Anna's Chapel Restoration Project

YWCA Market Street Apartments

Congregation Ahavas Ahim

Old Hill Burying Ground Gravestone Restoration

Oak Hill Cemetery Gravestone Restoration

Highland Cemetery Gravestone Restoration

Old South Church Roof Repair

Custom House Maritime Museum Roof Repair and Observatory Preservation Project

6. Other Business

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will take place on November 27 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Paul Healy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Judith Grohe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.