

WRENTHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECEIVED
Meeting of Wednesday, September 23, 2020 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
7:00 pm WRENTHAM, MA

There was no in-person attendance at this virtual meeting. 2020 SEP 31 AM 9:03

Present: Chair Scott Manchuso, Vice Chair, 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 7:08 pm Mr. Manchuso, Chair called the meeting to order.

- **Project Discussion**

- **Recreation –**

- **Metacomet Greenway (Rail Trail) Engineering Feasibility Study** – Mr. Manchuso referenced the new, firm budgeting details (revised project total of \$80,000) submitted this week on the project. Mr. Manchuso said that VHB, the engineering firm being used for this project was well regarded in the Town and was recommended by the Town Administrator, Kevin Sweet. This engineering project does not require a triple bid (30B) process. Mr. Adelsberger said that the firm had previously worked on other rail trails. Mr. Leonard asked if National Grid had been contacted as they own much of the rail property and Mr. Adelsberger said he had contacted a representative from their real estate division. He also mentioned that the feasibility study would be key to moving this project forward especially in regards to ownership of the properties involved. Mr. Immonen asked about the Historical preservation component of the application. Mr. Adelsberger said that the historic component involved a name change to the Metacomet Greenway with outreach to the Wampanoag tribe and inclusion of educational information along the Greenway about their history in the area. Ms. McDonald asked what would the next steps involve following the feasibility study and if VHB would be involved in the next steps. Mr. Adelsberger said that VHB was positioned to be involved with the project beyond the feasibility study. Mr. Richard voiced concern with the viability of this project and the cost of the feasibility study. He was also concerned about the large amount of privately-owned land that would have to be acquired for the project. Mr. Adelsberger said that the study was key to finding out what portions of the trail could be completed and what portions may have roadblocks and require more work. Ms. D'Amico said that the VHB study will provide information on the options for the Trail.

Open Space and Recreation. Mr. Manchuso said the project should qualify as a community garden which is eligible under CPC guidelines. Mr. Immonen said that community gardens must be installed on Open Space land to qualify. Mr. Woodhams said that this project is better suited as a recreation project and not Open Space. The motion of eligibility of the project passed 7-1. Mr. Immonen voted against. Mr. Woodhams made a motion to recommend this project to town meeting which was seconded by Mr. Leonard and passed 7-1. Mr. Immonen voted against. A motion to amend and increase the budget by \$200 to a total of \$1200. The amendment was unanimously accepted 8-0. Mr. Cuddy made a motion to accept the draft warrant article as written which passed 7-1. Mr. Immonen voted against.

- **Housing Bulkhead and Storm Door Replacement - Housing and/or Unrestricted** – Mr. Richard made a motion to approve the funding of the project which was seconded by Mr. Leonard. Mr. Immonen suggested rounding the project budget from \$54,143.10 to \$54,200. Mr. Leonard moved to increase the budget to \$54,200 which was seconded by Mr. Immonen and unanimously accepted 8-0. Ms. McDonald made a motion to recommend this project to town meeting which was seconded by Mr. Leonard and unanimously passed 8-0. Mr. Woodhams made a motion to accept the draft warrant article which was seconded by Mr. Richards and unanimously passed 8-0.

A roll call was used for each vote in the meeting.

- **Finance**
 - **CP-1 Report** – Mr. Manchuso said the CP-1 report was sent out by the Town Accountant.
- **Minutes of 8/26/20 Meeting** – Mr. Woodhams made a motion to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded and passed 8-0.
- **Lake Pearl Weed Harvester project funding increase** – A meeting was scheduled to discuss the increased funding on September 30, 2020 at 7pm. The October 21, 2020 CPC meeting will be cancelled as a result.
- **Cowell Paintings** – Mr. Leonard said the 3rd Cowell painting has gone out for restoration but he also noted that the prices have increased due to the pandemic.

Mr. Cuddy made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant.

Next Community Preservation Committee Meeting Date: January 28, 2021