

WRENTHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, September 30, 2020

7:00 pm

There was no in-person attendance at this virtual meeting.

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

At 7: 03 pm Mr. Manchuso, Chair called the meeting to order.

Mr. Richard joined the meeting at 7:40pm.

- **Project Discussion**

- **Lake Pearl Weed Harvester Budget** - Mr. Wagner described the challenges with procurement of the Weed Harvester. Funding approved in 2019 for \$83,000. Public bids were requested prior to the start of the Covid- 19 pandemic. Two bids were accepted but one was not qualified and the other was too expensive. The harvester needed to be bonded and some vendors would not accept this condition. The manufacturer originally chosen stopped production due to the challenges associated with the pandemic. Mr. Wagner said that a second vendor was found but the costs were higher - \$98,600 for the harvester and trailer; \$6500 for shipping and on-site training and \$5000 for 100% bonding of the harvester. The shortfall and additional funds needed from CPC for the project is \$27,100.

Ms. McDonald moved that the committee find the project eligible for funding which was seconded by Mr. Leonard. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Ms. McDonald made a motion to recommend this project to town meeting which was seconded by Mr. Langley and passed unanimously 8-0. Ms. McDonald made a motion to accept the draft warrant article which was seconded by Mr. Langley and unanimously passed 8-0.

- **Roderick School Playground Project** - Mr. Manchuso explained that this project was suggested to the CPC from the Town Administrator, Kevin Sweet late last week. Mr. Cameron, WPS Superintendent, gave an overview of the Playground Project. He said there are two school playgrounds in the district - one at the Delany school and one at Roderick school both of which were original when the schools were constructed and there was no budget for upkeep of either in the school budget. Mr. Cameron said that the playgrounds are no longer compliant with accessibility laws and in need of serious renovation. The Delany playground was upgraded with private funds raised through the PTO and others. The Roderick playground has fundraised \$88,000 thus far for the upgrade of this playground but once the Covid pandemic hit the fundraising stopped. Mr. Cameron would like to procure the remaining \$26,000 from CPC

funds. The school district has a revolving account where the funds are kept. A budget was submitted from Kompan for the project. The original plan included an outdoor classroom but that was scraped due to costs. Mr. Leonard asked if the playground would be open to all and Mr. Cameron said it is open to all except when school is in session.

Ms. McDonald moved that the committee find the project eligible for funding which was seconded by Mr. Langley. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Mr. Immonen moved that the application deadline requirements be waved for this project which was seconded by Mr. Manchuso and was unanimously passed 9-0. Ms. McDonald made a motion to recommend this project to town meeting which was seconded by Mr. Cuddy and passed unanimously 9-0. Ms. Langley made a motion to accept the draft warrant article which was seconded by Mr. Woodhams and unanimously passed 9-0.

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

- **Minutes of 9/23/20 Meeting** - Mr. Woodhams made a motion to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded and passed 8-0-1. Mr. Langley abstained as he did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Cuddy made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm which was seconded and unanimously approved 9-0.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant.

Next Community Preservation Committee Meeting Date: January 27, 2021