

WRENTHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:00 pm

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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, Leo Immonen, Alan Richard, Jane D'Amico, Bill Keyes, Chuck Woodhams (arrived at 7:09pm) and Heather Ledbetter – Administrative Assistant. Steve Langley did not attend. Ms. Kim Shipala observed. At 7:06 pm Mr. Manchuso called the meeting to order.

- **Kim Shipala** – Introduction of Ms. Shipala who will be replacing Bill Keyes as the Historical Commission representative as of June 18th.
- **Existing Project Updates**
 - **Cowell Paintings** – Mr. Keyes said that four more paintings are left to be restored. It will take an additional \$9900 to finish. A new company may be used due to the complexity of the restoration needed for these four remaining paintings which are in worse shape.
 - **Basketball Hoops & Bulkheads** – Mr. Richard said the Housing Authority is having trouble hiring people to do the work.
 - **Mirror Lake** – Mike Glass provided a report to the Committee in their 2021 eligibility package
 - **Lake Pearl** – Ms. McDonald said that there have been equipment acquisition problems but that the harvester not available this summer.
 - **Roderick Playground** – Mr. Manchuso said that the playground is completed.
 - **Rice Walking Path** – Ms. D'Amico said they are still working to get the engineering firm to perform the walking path design. Expected to be completed within a few months.
 - **Metacomet Greenway** – Engineering firm working on project. \$70,000 grant from Mass Trails.
 - **Senior Center Garden** – Mr. Manchuso said the senior center is waiting for costs of lumber to lower.
 - **D'Amico Playground** – Mr. Manchuso said the playground has been dedicated.
- **2021 Project Applications**
 - **Rice Complex Walking Path Natural Gardens** – Ms. D'Amico said that the Open Space Committee would like to have educational materials and native plant landscaping along the path (designed by Darryl Luce).
Ms. D'Amico said that \$15,500 is requested but materials cost is going up so what do we do?
Ms. McDonald said that contractors giving bids should account for the current increasing materials cost situation in their quotes.
Ms. McDonald made a motion to accept the Rice Complex Walking Path Natural Gardens project as eligible for full application status. Ms. D'Amico seconded the motion which passed unanimously 8-0-0.
 - **Mirror Lake Weed Treatment** - Friends of Mirror Lake (FOML) – Mr. Manchuso said that the FOML is asking for \$36,000 total for the 2022 weed treatment over 3 years (\$8000/year for 3 years) and a feasibility study (\$12,000) of other treatments and restoration for the Lake. Mr. Immonen felt the project is eligible and the discussion about using the stormwater money for the 2021 treatments should be dealt with later. Ms. D'Amico opposes allotting money for a 3-year period instead of yearly. Ms. McDonald said that the CPC has funded prolonged, multiyear projects in the past as long as the applicant has progressed along that the project is eligible. Mr. Manchuso made a motion that the Mirror Lake Weed Treatment project is eligible for full application status. Ms. McDonald seconded the motion which passed unanimously 8-0-0.

- **Cowell Paintings Part 2** – Mr. Keyes said that the project of cleaning and restoration has made a huge difference to the four completed paintings. He said he feels the project continues to be eligible for the next four to be completed. Since this project is under \$10,000 it does not require 3 bids. Mr. Manchuso made a motion to accept this project as eligible for full application status. Ms. McDonald seconded the motion which passed unanimously 8-0-0.
- **Historical Commission Professional Archivist** – Ms. Shipala said there is a backlog of artifacts, documents and photographs that have not been properly preserved. Will be digitized and put on the Digital Commonwealth. The Archivist will organize, catalogue, preserve and make the information accessible to public especially with the 350-year anniversary of the Town in 2023. Mr. Cuddy said that Hingham has done this with CPC funds (\$100,000). Ms. McDonald made a motion that the Historical Archivist project is eligible for full application status. Mr. Woodhams seconded the motion which passed unanimously 8-0-0.
- **Minutes of 4/21/21 Meeting** – Ms. McDonald made a motion to accept the minutes as published which was seconded and passed 7-0-1. Mr. Woodhams abstained as he did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Manchuso said that the Finance Committee had reviewed the CPC budget. He will prepare and send out a Marketing report to the Commission for Town Meeting. The project presentations will occur in July and August and the decision on projects will be made before the Town Meeting.

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

Mr. Cuddy made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm which was seconded and unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant.

Next Community Preservation Committee Meeting Date: June 23, 2021