

TOWN OF YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 22, 2014
FINAL

PRESENT: Gary Ellis, Thomas Kelley, Tom Durkin, Tom Roche, Mary Ann Walsh, Nathan Small
ABSENT: Jack Mulkeen, Dorcas McGurrin, Fred Fries
GUESTS: Pat Armstrong, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director
STAFF: Jennifer Copeland
LOCATION: Hearing Room, Town Offices, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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CONVENE

Chairman Ellis opened the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting at 3:12 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Master Plan Update (#143): Patricia Armstrong, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, presented the application. She seeks funding to complete a master plan for the Flax Pond Area, Sandy Pond Area, and Peter Homer Park. The plan would explore feasibility of developing Sandy Pond into a sports complex and expand Flax Pond use to include purchase of 10 additional acres to develop sports fields. The current estimate for this expansion is approximately \$8 to \$10 million dollars. In order to ensure that there is market demand for and revenue potential from the expansion, the most current community information is necessary.

Preservation of Historic Fences No. 2 (#145): Patricia Armstrong, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, presented this application for \$25,000 to continue the preservation of the historic fences in the five largest active historic town-owned cemeteries named, Ancient, Baptist, Methodist, Georgetown & Woodside Cemeteries. The iron fences are an important contributing feature to the historic character and fabric of the landscape. Iron fencing surrounds most of the older cemeteries and can be found inside the grounds surrounding family plots. The marble and granite posts and metal cross sections have decayed over time.

Funds would be used to address the most significant deteriorated sections and to secure some ornamental metal fencing. Ms. Armstrong hopes to draw interest from residents to begin other preservation projects within the cemetery grounds and create a Friends Group that will be able to raise awareness regarding the historic resources contained within the cemeteries.

Discussion: The current iron fence is hollow and each piece has to be cut separately and secured into the existing posts. The cost estimate from one company is 800 feet of iron at \$30 per square-foot including installation, which totals \$24,000.

Bocce Court Shade Shelter (#146): Patricia Armstrong, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, presented this application for \$40,000 to install a three shade shelters for the bocce courts, create one additional bocce court, create handicapped accessible paths, and surrounding landscaping at the Yarmouth Senior Center on Forest Road in South Yarmouth. Two existing bocce courts were constructed in 2014 using all donated materials and labor. The courts are situated in an area that offers no shade for the participants and onlookers making for an uncomfortable environment. Three simple permanent shade structures that can be easily erected and removed based on weather are proposed. The posts are expected

to last more than 50 years. The cloth cover will be treated for heavy weather exposure and once worn beyond its useful life, the Bocce Club may solicit donations to replace it.

Mr. Kelley commented that bocce is very popular and suggested using National Bocce Court Standards. Ms. Armstrong responded to questions regarding construction and timeline, which is expected to be 16 weeks from project award.

Sandy Pond Softball Field Fencing (#148): Patricia Armstrong, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, presented the application for \$7,500 for softball field improvements at the Sandy Pond Recreational Area located on Buck Island Road in West Yarmouth. The sports fields make up the primary active use of this facility. The softball field is used almost daily by the Cape Cod Senior Softball League as well as Sturgis East and West Charter High Schools, and local youth and adult leagues.

This proposal is to rehabilitate the softball outfield fence and add two straight fence panels along backstop area. The improvements will protect players and park goers from errant balls while meeting National Safety Standards and significantly reduce liability from car damage in adjacent parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence: The CPC reviewed a letter to the South Yarmouth Methodist Church regarding solar panel eligibility, 10/16/14. Town Counsel

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ms. McGurrin reported that the Sailing Center rehabilitation is in progress with the septic installation currently underway. Flax Pond recently held an Open House. A part-time person will be hired to facilitate rentals. An Event Use Policy will be developed to establish fees, security requirements, etc. This policy may also apply to the events held at the Senior Center, golf courses, and Taylor-Bray Farm.

HANDOUTS AT THE MEETING (Located in the Department of Community Development)

- Letter to S.Y. Methodist Church regarding solar panel eligibility, 10/16/14

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Roche moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Mr. Small seconded. The vote was unanimous 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Copeland
Program Coordinator



Mary Ann Walsh, Clerk