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TOWN OF YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
1 November 2017
DRAFT

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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PRESENT: Gary Ellis, Nate Small, Thomas Kelley, Tom Durkin, Tom Roche, Dorcas McGurrin, Beverly Bachand, Mary Ann Walsh

GUESTS: Mel Scott, Gary Brown, Anne Briggs, Richard Kosinski, Martha Edwards, Sharon Wimer, Sandy Fruen, Maria Iauzito, Ben Ianzito, Tom Radziewicz, Jean Hetherington, Christine Cantonio, Trudy Burman, David St. Onge, David LaBaire, Frank Crowley, Peter Marinelli, Diane Marinelli, Bob, Quintiliani, Fonda Simonds, Denise McClung, Diane Tieber, Jeff Tieber, A. Fitzgerald, Russ Kassatly, Beverly Haley, V. White, Shelia Nee, Gayle Williams, Veronica Cove, Paul Cove

ABSENT: Heather McElroy,

STAFF: Michael Barry, Karen Greene

LOCATION: Hearing Room, Town Offices, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA

CONVENE

Chairman Ellis opened the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting at 3:00 p.m. All members except Heather McElroy were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ellis submitted 24 photographs of 275 Rt 28 showing high water after a recent rain.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Pat Armstrong, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department discussed the application for Sandy Pond Engineering and Design funding. This is an updated project from 2016. Only 15 of 24 acres are developed. Removed the turf field from the earlier proposal. Looking to upgrade the park. Some previous work needs to be brought up to date. Currently, some areas are isolated, which is of concern to some parents with children. Few walkways. Must walk in parking areas, which is dangerous. Tennis courts are cracking due to demolition materials that are buried under the courts. This needs to be removed. Need for tennis and pickle ball courts. People have asked for a water park (splash pad). This is part of the Master Plan that included Flax Pond. Held several community meetings with stake holders. Adds eight pickle ball courts, vending machines, rain gardens, toddler areas, shade structures, trails, etc. Total \$2.4-2.9 million. Request now is for design and permitting. Parks are economic drivers. Some people buy their homes based in part on the availability of parks. Some people want the rail trail connected to Sandy Pond and elsewhere. Town will look for grants from the state PARC grant program. This was successful with Flax Pond. Phasing of efforts may lead to requests for CPA funds every other year. CPC requested that applicant apply for state grant funding. CPC members expressed concern about the availability of CPA funds into the long term after 2020. Other funding sources will be explored, particularly for ADA-compliant playgrounds. None of these exist in the town. Master Plan went out to

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bid around 1998. This application is an upgrade to the Master Plan. Chair requested that if previously approved CPA money for a study on Splash Pad location is not used because the decision to locate a Splash Pad at Sandy Pond is part of this application, then the previously approved money must be returned.

Ms. Pat Armstrong, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department discussed the application for Flax Pond Recreation Area Phase III. She supplied numerous letters and emails supporting pickle ball and discussed the game, its popularity, the demographics, and the economic stimulus of the sport. Phase III improvements focus on creating pickle ball courts. Seeking to provide a dedicated pickle ball area with permanent pickle ball nets. Only 13 pickle ball courts currently exist in Yarmouth. Limited pickle ball courts exist at DY High School. 5 exist at Sandy Pond. Demand is high and growing. This is not a fad. This approach is part of the Master Plan. Looking to break ground in Sept 2018 and have courts ready in Spring 2019. Members expressed concern about long-term maintenance costs. Applicant informed that maintenance is low. Looking to limit pickle ball start time to after 9am to avoid drop-off time for kids attending summer camp. Traffic flow is a concern that is being addressed. Softball field will shift off of wellfield land in the next Phase of development as well as a basketball court and a shared basketball and street hockey court. Pickle ball proponents Sandy Fruen, Sharon Wimer, and Frank Crowley spoke about the growing interest in the sport and opportunities existing in other Cape towns.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Small moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Ms. McGurrin seconded. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

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

1. Mr. Ellis submitted 24 photographs of 275 Rt 28 showing high water after a recent rain.
2. Pat Armstrong provided a map of the Sandy Pond and Flax Pond Recreation Areas.
3. Pat Armstrong provided emails in support of pickle ball.
4. Sandy Fruen provided various articles in support of pickle ball.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Barry
Program Coordinator



Mary Ann Walsh, Clerk