

## **Community Preservation Committee Agenda**

**Date: December 19, 2018**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Place: Volunteer Room**

Attendees: Beth Williams, Erin McBee, Doug Thornton, John Mark Walker, John Lee, Didi Chadran, Fran Nickerson, Pam Marston

Absent: Jo Ward

Guests: Ed Frackiewicz and Karen Strickland-Harvard Athletic Association, Peter Dorward, Wendy Sisson – Harvard Conservation Commission, and Dan Dailey

Meeting convened at 7:32

**1. Grant Applicant Guests:**

- a. Harvard Athletic Association – Ed Frackiewicz & Karen Strickland presented the revised field plan. Due to the elementary school construction, we will be losing 2 girls softball fields currently on the HES lot. Ann Lee Road has been determined to be the best site, working with Parks & Rec. They are asking for a placeholder to fix the girl's field hockey in front of the Old Bromfield for a figure of approximately \$40,000.00-\$60,000.00. All HAA use data to be submitted to Park & Rec and approval from Bromfield Trust.
- b. Parks & Rec – Doug Thornton presented the Tree replacement plan (\$10,000.00) to replace trees along Pond Road which have been removed. This project is to replace half of the trees removed with new 12 foot hardwoods to fill the gaps created by removed trees and provide a necessary root system to sustain the terrain near the pond. Additional approval will be need from the Conservation Commission for trees within 100 feet of water's edge. Park & Rec has not yet approached DPW to determine if they can assist with some of the work.
- c. Conservation Commission – Wendy Sisson and Peter Dorward presented Con Comm's request for \$200,000 to refill their coffers to obtain property to maintain the wildlife and recreation corridor in a "permanently protected condition". The parcel they are considering will expand and connect other preserved lands thus creating a larger ecological habitat and directly addresses several of the Goals of the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Con Comm is additionally asking for \$100,000 from CPIC.
- d. Affordable Housing Trust – Didi Chadran read Alice Von Loesecke's letter into the minutes, as follows:

“The MAHT request is a straightforward ask to transfer the housing funds voted by the Town into the Trust so that we will have the necessary amounts to help the Town gain affordable housing when the opportunity comes up. The Trust now has a little over \$220,000 in funds, but \$140,000 of that is in reserve to

fund the Devens Village Green project affordable units. That project will add 40 affordable units to the Town's inventory.

According to the Declaration of the Trust, "The purpose of the Trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Harvard for the benefit of low and moderate income households." The Trust is limited to subsidizing existing or planned projects, providing low interest or no interest loans for affordable housing, and receiving gifts. It is not allowed to acquire real property (i.e. it can't buy land or building and fund the development itself)."

2. Public Comment Period – Dan Dailey wished the CPC Board a Happy Holidays.
3. Review Minutes from 10/17/2018 Meeting – Minutes were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Update – No change since last month. Budget stands as reported in November.
5. Update: Harvard Photos of CPC Projects for Community Preservation Coalition. Didi obtained photos from the Harvard Press to submit to the Coalition. Submitted bill for \$100.00 for Press photos. Bill was approved and will be sent to Town Hall.
6. Review of Action Items: John Mark Walker will find vendor for CPC Banner to be used for projects.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019.