

Community Preservation Committee

May 17, 2017

Attendees: Didi Chadran, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, John Lee, Pam Marston, John Mark Walker

Guests: David Vannicola, Ben Guthro, & George Triantaris of the Historical Commission

Absent: Michelle Catalina, Ron Ricci, Park & Rec representative

The meeting convened at 7:33 PM.

Minutes from March 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

1. Cross-Committee Alignment Discussion with the Harvard Historical Commission: Ben Guthro presented the current priorities:
 - a. Shaker Herb House – The area around this building is currently terribly overgrown. Trees are falling down around the building & need to be removed. DPW has not done anything about this. The Historical Commission is meeting on Saturday, May 20th with the Tree Warden to discuss the trees. Tim Kilhart, DPW, is concerned as to who owns the property that this building resides on. If this is town land, DPW will contract to remove and clear approximately 8 feet around the building.
 - b. Stone Wall between General Store & Bromfield – Looks like it has been repaired, possibly by DPW. John Lee had requested that they fix it.
 - c. WW I Monument – Historical Commission may be submitting a grant request for approximately \$10,000.00 to restore the monument and repair the plaques. There will be a Monument Tour held Saturday, May 20th in collaboration with Freedom's Way.
 - d. Bromfield Stone Wall Project – Due to the fact that the project is over \$50,000.00, a RFP will be required for this project. Pam Marston is working with Marie Sobalvarro on this process.
2. Treasurer's Update: The CPA dues request, approved at the April Town Meeting, has been submitted to Town Hall for payment.
3. Town Meeting Post Mortem Review: It was agreed that the delay caused by the snow storm, caused the Committee to scramble to find presenters.
4. Other Business:
 - a. Park & Rec Representative – None as of yet. CPC has been without a Park & Rec representative for over 2 years now. Michelle Catalina has sent emails to Park & Rec, but received no responses. Various strategies were suggested as to how to get representation from Park & Rec. Michelle will speak with Stu Sklar, who is the

Selectmen representative to Park & Rec, regarding this lack of important representation to CPC.

- b. Harvard Representative to the CPA Legislative Action Committee: The Community Preservation Coalition asked that each community designate one representative to act as a liaison with the Coalition and their community to facilitate getting information disseminated towards future CPA legislation. Beth Williams volunteered and was approved for this position for Harvard's CPC, but due to the fact that only 10 out of the 178 CPC communities responded, this program is currently on hold.
- c. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust – Ron Ricci's term expires on June 30th. He will continue to serve until his term expires. After that the MAHT will appoint a representative.

Open Action Items:

- 1. Didi to put legal notices in the Harvard Press and update the Grant Form for September's submissions.
- 2. Didi to work with Finance Committee & Capital Planning Investment Committee to let them know what projects we will be funding and no funding in the coming year.

Next CPC meeting scheduled for either June 14th or 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.