

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 23, 2019 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Longmeadow Council on Aging Meeting Room

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Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of January 23, 2019

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, William Harbison, Ron Manseau, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, and Steven Weiss.

Absent: Donald Holland and Sheri Knight

Guests: Shawn Schragger and Erick Sandler: Longmeadow Softball Association
Steven Kennedy, Longmeadow First Church of Christ

1. Approval of minutes from January 9, 2019 CPC Meeting

- Minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

2. **Report from the Chairman:** Chairman Weiss shared details from his meeting with the Select Board regarding the funding process for the Wolf Swamp Road fields project. No recommendation or final decision was made.

3. **Review of new Applications:** The committee worked its way through the list of 12 project applications, and noted issues of concern and as well as clarifications that might be needed before a final decision could be made. There was no intention of voting on final recommendations at this meeting but rather to have a preliminary conversation about each project.

- Wolf Swamp Fields Irrigation Project: 2019-6: The discussion centered around several unknowns regarding funding. At this time, no decision has been finalized about the funding mechanism. In addition, members were not clear about the final plan for the project, the total cost being requested for the entire project and the status of the ring road money that was awarded last year. Given that the “request” before us is for \$300,000, members felt they needed more clarification before they could vote on this request. It was suggested however—that we could consider allocating some amount (maybe \$150,000) in order to allow the project to continue to moving forward.
- Russell Field Hill Erosion Project: 2019-1: Members expressed support to fund the portion of this request which would fix the erosion (\$84,500). There was concern that other sections of the request might be a bit extravagant.
- Turner Park Softball Field Improvement: 2019-2: Two representatives from the Longmeadow Softball Association were present. They reiterated that the group has found funding for the dug out portion of the request. CPC members needed clarification on whether or not CPA

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funds could be used to fund the various pieces of equipment that have been requested. The answer to that question would significantly inform the committee's decision about how much we could fund. Now that the Association has found a vendor who could build the dug outs for less money—could they amend the proposal to include a dug out for the Russell softball field?

- Longmeadow Montessori International Roof Project: 2019-3: Members requested a review by the Chair of the 3 part test associated with the Acton decision.
- Landscape Master Plan for Bliss and Laural Parks: 2019-4: Members asked questions about the focus of this project. Would 100% of the focus be on the park areas or would the Conway School students also focus on the extended Cooley Brook area?
- Trees in Bliss and Laural Parks Phase 111: 2019-5: There was discussion again about the use of CPC funds for “tree belt” trees. A distinction was made between “residential” tree belt areas and “park” tree belt areas. It was also suggested that if we could not fund the entire request, perhaps a portion of the funding request would be helpful.
- Home Modification Fund: 2019-7: This project was already discussed by the committee at a previous meeting. There were no questions and mostly favorable comments at this time.
- Longmeadow Pre-1901 structures: 2019-8: This project was discussed at a previous meeting. No new comments were offered.
- Storrs House Museum Screen and Batten Doors: 2019-9: There was some concern about how these doors, if they had not existed in the past, would this qualify as restoration.
- Storrs Library Roof Replacement: 2019-10: This project was discussed at a previous meeting. There was uniform support for this project.
- Bliss Park Playground Resurfacing: 2019-11: It was pointed out that this is an expensive project. The question arose as to why neither Capital Planning or Park and Recreation funds were contributed to the funding of his project? Jeff offered to check with the Park and Recreation Director about the possible use of some Park and Recreation funds for this project.
- Blueberry Hill School Playground Equipment Replacement: 2019-12: This is a very expensive project. Members voiced interest in perhaps funding the swing set portion of the project. Jeff offered to ask Mario more about the desirability of partially funding this project.

Members reviewed the total amount requested, created a preliminary list with costs based on the discussion and recognized we still need several questions answered before we can actually vote.

4. New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Arlene C. Miller