

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 6, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Public meeting-- Longmeadow High School Meeting room AND Remote

Approved as presented at the January 18, 2022 meeting

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of January 6, 2022

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, William Harbison, Don Holland, Ron Manseau, Dave Marinelli, Arlene Miller and Steve Weiss.

Absent: Jeff Rintoul

Guests: Bianca Damiano, Administrative support for CPC
Alex Grant: Skate Board Park presenter
Amelia Wray: Community Gardens Pollination Habitat and Birdhouse Project presenter
St Andrews Church Rector: Stained Glass Window Preservation Project
Tom King: Vice Chair of the Historical Commission and Survey of Pre-1911 Structures presenter
Craig Carr Fence for Richard Salter Storrs House presenter
Shawn Schragar: Glenbrook Field Improvement Project presenter
Mary Beth Bergeron: Chair of Longmeadow Building Committee and Old Town Hall Restoration Project presenter

1. **Approval of minutes from December 16, 2021 CPC Meeting:** A motion was made by William Harbison and seconded by Linda Glenn to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting as presented. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Report from the Chair:**
 - a. Chairman Weiss welcomed everyone and reviewed the meeting agenda. He also reminded everyone that the CPC public hearing (required) is scheduled for January 19th at 7PM this same location.
 - b. The Chair reported that he has met with the chairmen of both the Finance (Armand Wray) and Capital Planning (Dr. Metz) committees as a courtesy and to answer any questions they might have about any of the 2022 CPC applications.
 - c. Chairman Weiss informed members that the deadline for the submission of the May Annual Town meeting warrant articles is February 23, 2022.
3. **Review of this year's applications:** Seven applicants were invited to the meeting at the January 6, 2022 meeting to offer comments about their project.

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- **Application 2022-8:** Skate Park Construction Proposal for \$350,000 under Open Space and Recreation. Alex Grant presented the proposal with assistance from several Longmeadow youth, each of whom offered supporting statements. Mr. Grant reviewed several issues about the proposed skate board park (SBP) and they included:
 - a. Location – the proposed location is to build SBP on 2 of the 4 clay tennis courts at Bliss park. He suggested that this is underutilized park space.
 - b. Visibility: Mr. Grant said fact that the fact that this apace is visible and open (no fence) is a positive safety factor.
 - c. Parking: Mr. Grant said that no additional parking would be necessary. This space is seen as a walking and biking experience.
 - d. Noise: Mr. Grant noted that this is a park so there is already some “noise”.
 - e. Maintenance: Mr. Grant said maintenance would be cost about \$1,000/year.

- **Application 2022-9:** Community Gardens Pollination Habitat and Birdhouse Project for \$1,500 under Open Space. Amelia Wray presented the details of this request. Amelia is working on a girl scout “Gold Award” project. Her proposal is to create a perennial pollinator garden, which would include birdhouses, at the Longmeadow Community Garden site off of Longmeadow Street. She explained that this proposal would not only be good for pollinators but would also help draw attention to this beautiful and special space in our town.

- **Application 2022-1:** Stained Glass Window Preservation for \$80,000. This request is for Historic preservation funds and was submitted by St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. Three folks from the church presented including the Rector. They emphasized the preservation of art and the historic nature of the windows and the depictions, not just religious but secular history as well. The sanctuary, they shared, is used for the church members and the community at large for concerts and other regional events. These folks felt that this request to preserve historic art depictions meets the 3-point test required by CPC.

- **Application 2022-2:** Survey of Pre-1911 Structures for \$10,500 under Historic Preservation. Tom King, Vice Chair of the Historical Commission, presented. Mr. King explained that this proposal is a continuation of a former study of historic homes in a section of Longmeadow off of Longmeadow street that has been called “the street car suburb”. The current proposal would include about 50 homes dating from 1898-1911. In addition to being valuable historic data, this information would help to inform the Town’s demolition by law committee.

- **Application 2022-6:** Fence for Richard Salter Storrs House for \$19,619 under Historic Preservation. Craig Carr presented on behalf of the Longmeadow Gardeners. They are requesting funds to replace the fence that has rotted. They would propose to replace this old wooded fence with a fence made of a plastic lumber material known as Azek. The new fence should be very durable and maintenance free.

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- **Application 2022-10:** Glenbrook Field Improvement Project for \$45,000 under Recreation. Shawn Schrager presented information about this proposal. Mr. Schrager emphasized that this proposal reflects collaboration between the school department, baseball, softball and little league associations. The associations work together to raise money and to assist with the maintenance of the fields. Mr. Schrager shared that baseball is experiencing a big come back in popularity in Longmeadow with over 500 participants.
- **Application 2022-12:** Old Town Hall (OTH) Restoration for \$400,000 under Historic Preservation. Mary Beth Bergeron (Chairman of the Town's Building Committee) presented a revised proposal, reducing the project cost from \$400,000 to about \$10,000. Ms. Bergeron reiterated several factors that make the OTH an important historic building and those include that it was the original school house in Longmeadow, it was our first Town Hall, it was a jail at one time as well as an American Legion Building. . The revised proposal asks for a cost estimate from Hill Engineers for repairs and restoration to the building envelope and the floor in the major large room. The CPC will accept and consider this revised proposal.

Because of the late hour, the committee agreed by consensus, to skip/postpone agenda items #4 and #5 dealing with outstanding project updates and new business.

A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by William Harbison to adjourn the meeting at 9:14PM. The motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

Minutes submitted by Arlene Miller