

TOWN OF HARWICH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Approved 1.12.17

HARWICH Community Preservation Committee

December 8, 2016, Harwich Town Hall, Griffin Meeting Room

Present: Chair Bob MacCready, Vice Chair Kathy Green, Daniel Tworek, Walter Diggs, Jim Atkinson, and David Nixon

Absent: Cindi Maule, Robert Bradley, and Selectmen Liaison Michael MacAskill

Vacant: Housing Committee representative

- Meeting called to order by Chair Bob MacCready at 6:05 PM.
- Guest was welcomed.
- Voting on the 12.1.16 meeting minutes postponed until next meeting.

New Business

Town resident William Crowell spoke to #R2 Hinckley's Pond Restoration. His parents lived on Edward Road, on the pond, for twenty five years, and he has lived there for the last four years. He considers Hinckley's Pond one of the jewels of the town. It is the only lake within Harwich's town boundaries. It is part of the eco system. Herring spawn in Long Pond and the fry come down in the fall through Hinckley's Pond then down the Herring River and out to sea. They return in the spring to start the process all over again. Now all you can see is a green cloud in the water. You can't go in the water. Your pets can't go in the water. You can't fish. This same possibly polluted water is irrigating cranberry bogs and is going down the Herring River Corridor down to the Sound. There is an association of the citizens that live around or within eyesight of the pond. There is public access. If the town wants to build stairs down and have access there, we are willing to have that happen. We want to have the CPC funds to clean up the pond.

Committee comments:

- This committee is not against cleaning up Hinckley's Pond, but the town should support it as a part of the capital plan to get it done. It was suggested that they get the town to get this done.
 - Maybe there is some support at the state level of environmental departments.
 - The town meeting can make the final decision if the CPC supports it.
 - Is there any way this can fit the CPA guidelines? No. But that doesn't mean it isn't good for Harwich
- The presented CPA Applications were discussed.
 - A motion was made by Jim Atkinson and seconded that the Community Preservation Committee take a straw vote on all 14 applications currently under review.

VOTE: Yes 6; No 0; Abstain 0. Motion passed unanimously.

STRAW VOTE:

#CH 1 Harwich Port Buy-down Program, submitted by the Harwich Housing Committee, HHC Chairman Art Bodin project manager.

VOTE: Yes 2; No 3; Abstain 1. NO

R 2 Hinckley's Pond Restoration, submitted by the Town of Harwich, Harwich Town Administrator Chris Clark project manager.

VOTE: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

R 3 Whitehouse Field Irrigation Project, submitted by Harwich Recreation Department and Commission, Harwich Recreation Director Eric Beebe project manager.

VOTE: Yes 6; No 0; Abstain 0. YES

R 4 Veterans Memorial Field Track Fit, submitted by Harwich Recreation Department and Commission, Harwich Recreation Director Eric Beebe project manager.

VOTE: Yes 6; No 0; Abstain 0. YES

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R 5 Brooks Park Expansion/Improvement Phase 4, submitted by Harwich Recreation Department and Commission, Harwich Recreation Director Eric Beebe project manager.

VOTE: Yes 6; No 0; Abstain 0. YES

R 6 Pleasant Lake Ave. Crossing Lights, submitted by Bikeways Committee, Robert Cafarelli project manager.

VOTE: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

#HP 7 Historic Restoration of the fence rails in the Evergreen Cemetery, submitted by Harwich Cemetery Department, Harwich Cemetery Commission Director Robbin Kelley project manager.

VOTE: Yes 3; No 3; Abstain 0. NO

#H 8 West Harwich National Register District Submission, submitted by the Harwich Historic District and Historical Commission, Sally Urbano project manager.

VOTE: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

#HP 9 Digitization of the Harwich Oracle Newspaper 1986-2007, submitted by Brooks Free Library, Brooks Free Library Reference Librarian Jennifer Pickett project manager.

VOTE: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

#HP 10 Albro House: Building Conditions Assessment and Evaluations, submitted by Town of Harwich, Town of Harwich Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh project manager.

VOTE: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

#HP 11 Public Records Storage at the Harwich Community Center, submitted by Harwich Community Center, Harwich Community Center Director Carolyn Carey project manager. \$62,000 requested to create a storage facility in the Harwich Community Center's basement for the town records.

#HP 12 Records Management, submitted by Harwich Town Clerk Anita Doucette, Harwich Town Clerk Anita Doucette project manager. \$40,000 to archival the multiple departments' town records to be stored at the Harwich Community Center.

VOTE taken for both at once: Yes 0; No 6; Abstain 0. NO

#HP 13 To electronically preserve an inventory of the Harwich Historical Society's artifacts including newly acquired Crowell Barn artifacts, submitted by the Harwich Historical Society, Harwich Historical Society Director Janet Cassidy project manager.

VOTE: Yes 2; No 3; Abstain 1. NO

HP 14 Restoration of Chase Library's chimney and replacement of pan flash, submitted by the Chase Library, Chase Library President Judy Dolaher project manager.

VOTE: Yes 5; No 0; Abstain 1. YES

- Final voting will take place at the Jan. 2017 meeting.
- Update with the town accountant. He is leaving at the end of the month. Chair MacCready received an email from the auditor; we need to finish up on the June 30, 2016 books and clean up the journal entries. The CPC figures, including the debt service, still need straightening out. At the Feb. 2017 meeting we can close out the articles that have been open for some time. We need to determine that time period. But that is where we have discovered problems with the town's figures.

Adjournment 8:57 PM.