



Carver Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:..... January 26, 2023
Called to Order: 7:03 pm

{Present if noted *} **Annual Public Meeting**

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| *Bob Bentley, Chair | * Dan Badger | *Fran Mello | *Karl Miller |
| *Mary Ross | * Cornelius Shea | Ellen Sordillo | *Patty Cooney |
| *Margaret Wood | * Elizabeth Hubert, Secretary | | |

Note: Area 58 present and recording

Chair Bentley presented the mission of the CPC and stated that CPC will present proposed projects at the Town Meeting. The governing body to approve the projects is the vote at Town Meeting. Place holders have been submitted for the proposed project to be on the Town Warrant.

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2022: Mr. Miller motioned to approve with a correction noted, seconded by Mr. Badger. One abstained.

VOTE: 7 to 0

New & Continuing Business:

2. Bills payable – no bills currently
3. Discussion of potential projects

- a. **Union Society Spire reconstruction project.** Request for \$20,000 presented by Savery Moore. Last year \$60K was sponsored to replace the six spires on the Union Society Building and the work was done by Ben Phippen. The North front spire required more interior work to be structurally sound. The requested funds are to complete the final spire. At this time there have not been three estimates as required by the finance committee. Finance committee had offered \$5000 toward this project. It is a continuation of the project started last year. (Historic)
- b. **Pickle Ball Courts** Request for \$330,000 presented by Mary Ross for the Recreation Committee. There are several Carver residents present to support this project. Carver Recreation began this project in late 2018. The location is where the old tennis courts are behind the Council on Aging in South Carver. 2020 requested \$100K for the cost at that time, but the project was not funded. 2021 received a feasibility study and the project was present in 2022 and the cost was \$550,000. Ms. Ross went back to the engineering firm

to get expense for just the courts and essential items and received a revised cost of \$357,000. Ms. Ross then met with a party that would donate the deconstruction of the old courts and fences, bring cost to \$330,225.

There is a large interest in the Pickle Ball courts in Carver. She acknowledges that it can be noisy, but the location would allow this to not be an issue. Many skill levels can play, there are many health benefits. The Council on Aging representative feels it will bring more people to COA events. This sport can transcend social and economic lines. Six Pickle ball courts could be created in this space. Chair from the Carver Council of aging and states Pickle Ball is very competitive between Council on Aging and intergenerational as well. There are not many offerings for seniors in Carver and this is a great opportunity. Michael from the Board of Directors of the COA was present, he is 80 and plays and teaches how to play. The largest growing group that plays Pickle Ball is 18-32, the current largest group that plays is 55 and over. Maintenance would be covered through the Recreation budget. The recreation committee has a website for sign up for all activities and fields. Ms. Slavin spoke to the scheduling through the current website application used by Carver Recreation for scheduling. Michael expressed he pays taxes and had to go to other towns to play now. Ms. Slavin pointed out how the current fields are prioritized field use and could apply this same concept for these courts. Mr. Savory pointed out there are more than 4000 Carver residents 55 and over, this is a sport that all ages can play. Recreation is not for the kids only. During the day most courts are used by Seniors. Ms. Mello expressed concerns about security. Another gentleman expressed that it is time that we did something for the seniors in town. (Open Space / Recreation)

- c. **Shelter at Cole Property:** Request for \$48,000 presented by Mr. Badger. There are several organizations that would use this as an education space including the scouts, the schools, home school groups, and equine groups. The proposal is for two Adirondack type shelters for gathering and to camp at. It is on the edge of the Blue trail. The maintenance plan for this project would be the Carver Trail & Conservation Stewards and the Carver Boy and Girl Scouts. There is also interest from the local Sheriffs Dept as well for outdoor education space. There would be two shelter structures with metal roofs and a fire pit. There will be a sign out process to use the space. The cost is for materials and permits, but the largest part of the labor will be done in-kind. A porta john platform would not be part of this project. Increase in cost is due to building the structure log cabin style for the longevity of building. Security will include some trail cameras and good faith. Mass Trails has a grant that is for things specific for maintenance. The expectation is that there will be minimal maintenance. April 1st and 15th will be a how to manage a trail project and promotes “leave no trace”. Trail is accessible for all ages. There is a kiosk in the parking lot that includes an expected code of conduct and when hunting season is open. Cole property is under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission and if there are activities occurring that are not allowed it would not be the Conservation Committee’s job to police the property, it would be the Environmental Police. (Open space / Recreation)
- d. **Avenues of Honor:** Request for \$82,500 presented by Mr. Badger as supported by the Historic Society and Veterans group. The proposal is to create flags to represent Carver residents who have served in the armed forces. The flags would have the persons image to be displayed May through November. The double-sided flags are 18 by 36 inches to be set on standardized brackets. To get the cost for a flag with the bracket is \$55, There

would be a stewardship committee to oversee the project once started and to allow for residents to sponsor flags. There are also grants that can be funding sources to maintain. The Avenue to begin on Main Street and then considered side roads as needed. All Veterans who were active military who were discharged under conditions other than Dishonorable. Not all Carver veterans need to participate. It is anticipated that the Stewardship Committee overseeing would create a questionnaire for those families that are interested. DPW would be part of the stewardship committee, and once the brackets are installed the flags could be hung by volunteers. Selectboard is in support of this project. Recommended that a written commitment be put in place for town to maintain. Need plans so that the flags are properly maintained when not displayed. Quotes were received from flag companies that are Veteran owned. The timeline is the initial project expected to be done within two years. (Historical)

- e. **44 Lakeview Street Nature Classroom** Request for \$57,000 presented by Mr. Badger on behalf of the Conservation Commission. The short-term plan is to build a pavilion on the property adjacent to the COA. It would provide a three-season meeting space that is ADA accessible. CPC funds would be to build a 20 by 38 pavilion, a split rail fence, a 12 by 12 observation desk near the pond, and a seasonal dock. The purpose of the space is to encourage outdoor education and STEM studies with the high school. This plan meets requirements for conservation. The space would allow for self-guided eco tours. The structure would have a natural base, not a concrete base. The cost for pavilion is \$30,000 and \$15,000 for split rail fence. Concerns were voiced regarding out-of-town use. Conservation has a maintenance fund and the non-profit local Scouting groups have committed. It was voiced that the purpose of the fence is to define boundaries is not a CPC project. The fence would be a proactive step to provide a divider for the conservation property but also allow wildlife to pass through. (Open space / recreation)
- f. **Renovation of Pond Street Fields** Request for \$84,232 for a feasibility study in 2023. This was presented at an earlier meeting by Ron Griffin. If approved, then he would request 500-600K the following year to do the work. This would be to redo the Soccer fields on Pond Street.

It was noted that CPC does not give grants. CPC oversees all funds which are paid to reimburse expense invoices by project. There is a committee member as a liaison for each project. All proposals will be voted on at the next meeting.

At 8:54 the public meeting portion was adjourned. Motion made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Miller. The remaining members agreed.

Vote: 7 to 0

Old Business:

- 1. Review of on-going projects:
 - a. Buzzards Bay Coalition projects:
 - i. No updates
 - b. 11 Green Street affordable housing
 - i. The house has been turned over to Habitat. There was a spill that needs to be cleaned an up then work can begin.

- ii. On a different set of projects, Amy from Habitat will be requesting ARPA funds for 3 potential affordable housing projects. Chair Bentley corresponded with her and proposed once she meets with the Selectboard regarding that funding then she can present to CPC.

The next meeting will be on February 9th to meet to review the proposals and vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Shea. The remaining members agreed.

VOTE: 7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hubert

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