



## **Carver Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date:..... October 27, 2022  
Called to Order: 7:02 pm

{Present if noted \*}

*Bob Bentley, Chair	* Dan Badger	*Fran Mello	*Karl Miller
*Emily Slavin	* Cornelius Shea	*Ellen Sordillo	*Ron Griffin
*Margaret Wood	*Elizabeth Hubert, Secretary		

Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2022: Mr. Shea motioned to approve as written, seconded by Ms. Mello, one abstained.

VOTE: 6 to 0

### **Old Business:**

1. Review of on-going projects:
  - a. Buzzards Bay Coalition projects:
    - i. No news this evening. Dan and Fran volunteered to work on this project. It was communicated to the Coalition that they need to brief CPC of progress. As a committee the CPC is not overly concerned about maintenance plan but wants to see progress. Dan to communicate back to Conservation Commission that the CR is taken care of, that there is a timeline for trail construction. This is particularly important for the trail on Indian street connecting to an existing trail.
    - ii. Concerns regarding parking, Dan to recommend to ConCom that we need communication about a parking plan. This project was approved in April 2021 and there has been little progress.
  - b. 11 Green Street affordable housing
    - i. Update given by Mr. Badger: Habitat had a 25th year anniversary on 10/7 to celebrate projects passed and this new project in progress. Our CPC project to be a pilot project to show how this can be done. Lining up arborist, contractors starting site visits, and site should have trees cleaned out in November to allow work to begin. By December the lottery system for requirements for applying and so the family will be chosen as they are expected to be working in kind on this project. There will be no requests for reimbursements expected until next March. Was hoping to find veteran owned contracts also.

### **New & Continuing Business:**

2. Bills payable – no bills currently

3. Discussion of potential projects.

- a. Union Society Spire reconstruction project. Chair Bentley expected to receive an estimate for work needed, but nothing was received. The estimated cost is expected to be approx \$20K. Concerns about the large change in the expected cost from \$5k reported last year to 20k now. Chair Bentley will reach out to Savery for new numbers and estimates. Reiterated that CPC does not give grants, it provides funding. If the funds are not used on the approved project, it is expected the funds are returned to CPC.
- b. Recreation Committee – Emily Slavin was in attendance to present the Pickle Ball proposal. Carver Recreation has spoken to the Council of Aging, and they support this project. A proposal was presented for behind the Council of Aging to redo the current tennis courts to be six pickle ball courts. This proposal is to include the courts, fencing, benches, and the parking. The courts would be available to all ages. This will also clean up this property. There are over 4500 residents over 55 in town. Carver Recreation is also applying to Arbor funds for grant money provided from Federal. Also, opportunity for savings if we utilize DPW for asphalt removal and fencing. Maintenance cost would be covered through pay to play fees and current field maintenance. Leagues can be formed and outside rentals for court maintenance. Request for the project to not exceed \$565,000 (including wetlands and conservation and not including town resources to utilize and other funding sources). Currently have a fee schedule and charge for field use that is used for maintenance for field use now, and those funds are kept in a separate account for maintenance. Fran would like to see a maintenance budget for over the next 5 plus years, and the projections of how it will be maintained with a documented plan. It was noted that the Recreation Committee's priority is to be sure that the courts are available to town residents, prior to renting or leagues. Also noted that CPC cannot be responsible for any expenses for paving or repaving. Recreation Committee does do projects and hold events to generate money to fund maintenance and future projects, but this does not generate a large amount of revenue. Mr. Miller pointed out that funds that the CPC allocate to recreation are funds that all members of the town can utilize.
- c. Shelter at Cole Property being present by Mr. Badger. He is proposing the site location of a sand pit along the Blue trail to build a pair of Adirondack 9x13 foot structures facing each other. The structures will be on block and have coarse gravel underneath. The goal is to not adversely impact this area but provide a space for camping and outdoor education. This space would also have a controlled cook fire space and a kitchen structure. At the entrance of the blue trail there will be a platform for porta-johns. This is a space that would be used via a sign out sheet through Conservation Commission. The maintenance plan would be via the Carver Scouting groups and include waste maintenance and lead by the Carver Trails and Conservation Stewards group. Construction to be supported by in-kind labor. The question was raised: If porta-potties are used will this be bound by the town contract? This project is back by Audubon

society and Conservation Commission. It was noted that insuring the structure is not planned at this time. It was recommended that if the Scouts are doing a large volume of the work, then there should be windows of time reserved to scouts to use. Materials and Labor for two shelters and cook fire pit and all permits asking \$48,000. Mr. Badger to get a breakdown of these costs.

- d. Avenues of Honor Mr. Badger is proposing with preliminary approval from historical committee. Provided pictures of some examples of flags. Recommend we look at all eras of veterans, to qualify vets would be honorably discharged. \$40 per flag if we did 500 flags. Mr. Badgers expects there to be 1500 and the cost for the flags and brackets per set is \$20 at this volume, all are two sided. Mr. Badger has spoken with John Woods regarding maintaining and storage when not displayed. If approved will need the Selectman to approve the use of utility pole. Flags would display a name, an image, and the era. Mr. Badger to speak with John Woods and some other groups interested to discuss who would be responsible to install these. Seeking veteran owned vendor to create flags. To be displayed May 1 to Nov 30<sup>th</sup> on Main Street from the Plympton to Wareham, to be displayed randomly to mix eras. It was recommended to contact the Sons of Veterans. The overall cost to be \$30K.
- e. Ron Griffin, business manager of Carver Schools presented the renovation of the Pond Street fields. Looking for guidance from CPC and if this project is of interest and if not in this fiscal year, would it be projected for future. The loam that was extracted from the turf field for the football field was stored here. Much of the loam has been removed leaving the field in disrepair. FY 2024 propose planning for design funding, FY 2025 proposed the funding for construction, then let field be seeded and let sit for one year. This would allow for the ability of rotating out field for maintaining all town fields. This field would be a multiple use field. This project is for complete reconstruction of the field to redo the entire field and new irrigation system. Concerns that this field was never maintained, though part of town property and the snack shack that was part of the last field project that never materialized. It was noted that in Carver with all the field work done as soon as a field is available it is booked and utilized. Design estimate for \$84,232 presented.

Requests received at this meeting total 750K and all will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting keeping in consideration the balance available to CPC (historic, open space and recreation, conservation). Funds received this year in range of 400K which covers the bonding of the Football field. Chair Bentley to discuss with town account to project what will be received next year.

Next meeting to be held Thursday, November 17, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. A motion was made by Ms. Fran and seconded by Mr. Miller. The remaining members agreed.

VOTE: 7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Hubert*

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