

CARVER CPC

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:February 11, 2021

Called to Order: 7:02 pm

Zoom Meeting

{Present if noted}*

*Bob Bentley, Chair

*Dan Badger

*Fran Mello

*Gail Nauen

*Mary Ross

*Cornelius Shea

*Ellen Sordillo

*Kevin Tracey

Margaret Wood

*Darlene Whittemore, Secretary

Chair Bentley stated that the Zoom Meeting was a recorded live broadcast on Chanel 15. He stated that the Public Meeting was publicized in the meeting Agenda and to contact him by February 10, 2021 in order to receive a link to join the meeting; one request was received by Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Ross motioned to approve the minutes as amended of January 28, 2021; Mr. Shea seconded; a roll call took place where all Committee Members voted in favor. Unanimous.

VOTE: 8 to 0

Old Business

1. Review of on-going projects:

a. Update on ballfields/playground project. None

New & Continuing Business:

2. Bills payable. Chair Bentley stated no bills to be paid.

3. Discussion of submitted projects - VOTES EXPECTED

4.

- a. Union Society - historical preservation - \$60,000 requested (VOTE) Chair Bentley stated the described as repair and replacement of six corner pinnacles. He also stated that a deed restriction is currently in place from a prior exterior remodeling project to replace the shutters and if approved, another restriction would not be necessary. Chair Bentley stated the he and Mr. Moore feel that no religious connotations exist as this is non-denominational and the Society has no budget; they relay on donations for funding. Chair Bentley stated that he and Mr. Moore feel that no religious connotations exist as this is a non-denominational and the Society has no budget; they rely on donations for funding. Chair Bentley stated that this would be one of the last repairs needed for the foreseeable future. Mr. Shea expressed his opinion in favor as this scenic building has historic value with many social groups congregating for music venues, weddings and funerals. He stated that it adds to the rural character to the community. Mr. Tracey agreed and stated that he hopes the people of the Town support it. Ms. Mello inquired if the funding would be deducted from the Historic segment and Chair Bentley confirmed. Ms.

Mello motioned to appropriate Sixty-Thousand (\$60,000) dollars from the Community Preservation FY 2021 Estimated Annual Fund Revenues to the Union Society of South Carver for the purpose of repairing or replacing the six (6) corner pinnacle towers on the Union Society building in South Carver. Said sums to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee in consultation with the Union Society and the Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto, Seconded by Mr. Shea.

A roll call took place where all Committee Members voted in favor. Unanimous. VOTE: 8 to 0

- b. ConComm/Buzzards Bay Coalition - open space/recreation on properties on Lakeview St. and Indian St. - Chair Bentley stated the request to CPC as \$190,00 for land acquisition with \$30,000 fronted by the Coalition for the purpose of creating walking trails on all four properties located on Lakeview and Indian streets with the desire to connect to new trails on Indian Street. Ms. Mello inquired to Mr. Badger if he was aware if the \$30,000 toward the project was coming from the Carver Conservation Commission; Mr. Badger was not sure of the clarification. Mr. Arnett stated that the \$30,000 included is not additional Town funding as the funding source was private and that the Buzzards Bay Coalition was recently awarded \$20,000 federal grant that is distributed by the state. Ms. Ross inquired about parking on the road and Mr. Decker and Mr. Shea stated that access road cannot be blocked. Mr. Shea inquired about the property being surveyed and Mr. Decker confirmed and stated signage and boundaries would be marked. Ms. Mello stated she is not concerned over the purchasing of the property but expressed her concern over what the expenditure would bring to the Town. She further stated that she spoke with Ms. Monroe and Mr. Walsh and researched the open space plan. She shared the screen and presented data. She summarized the money spent by CPC over the years toward open space and recreation. She cited an example of the Cole Property acquisition from CPC for \$325,000 where Conservation contributed \$10,000 and expressed her desire to have Conservation contribute 50% of this project and make it a collaborative approach through the Town. She stated that she recently learned that the considered land acquisitions that Mr. Moore stated in the last meeting are no longer occurring per Ms. Monroe and that they have \$600,000 in their budget. Mr. Badger stated his desire to clarify that the Conservation Commission are looking at more than just a few projects and that the size of the fund was recently increased over the past few years. Ms. Mello stated that she feels as though Conservation would be a better fit because they do not require going before Town Meeting for approval; CPC has \$525,000 where Conservation has \$600,000 in their budget. CPC has ten years of funding tied up in large projects. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of this discussion on this platform, Great Cedar Swamp, CPC's multi million dollar projects and cultivation of multiple funding resources for future applicants. Mr. Arnett stated that they have money for a parking lot and management resources for the outdoor trails and emphasized that they have an experienced staff working in other towns. Mr. Badger stated a key point for consideration as the town is not an arm of the environmental police or able to mitigate erosion or unethical use of

the land and is in support of the Coalition. Mr. Moore joined the meeting where Ms. Mello summarize the above. Mr. Moore stated that he was not aware that the above mentioned conservation projects for consideration were not moving forward. He cautioned that the Conservation Commission's funding source is not replenished annually and that properties coming out of chapter 61A have been increased with the solar industry attributing to the increase in funds and that that source may not be continuing in the future. He also stated that the funding could be used for more valuable properties located directly on Sampson's Pond. Ms. Mello asked Mr. Moore if he would be willing to share the cost of the project by 50%; Mr. Shea stated his concern over the chronological order of the request and Mr. Moore stated his concern of future missed opportunities if the Conservation Commission spent their current funding and that he cannot address this during the meeting. Ms. Nauen stated her concern over the importance to protect the wildlife in our town. Mr. Badger stated his discomfort in the discussion. Chair Bentley pointed out the positivity of land stewardship on behalf of the coalition. Discussion ensued over the timing of the funding request for the article and if a change could be implemented after the article was written. Chair Bentley confirmed. Ms. Mello inquired if she could attend the next Conservation Commission Meeting and Mr. Moore confirmed.

Ms. Mello motioned to appropriate One-Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$190,000) dollars from the Community Preservation FY 2021 Estimated Annual Fund Revenues to the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the purpose of acquiring four (4) parcels of land on Lakeview Street and Indian Road. Said sums to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee in consultation with the Buzzards bay Coalition and the Carver Conservation Commission and the Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto, Mr. Tracey seconded the motion; A roll call took place where 7 Committee Members voted in favor and Mr. Badger abstained.

VOTE 7 TO 1 Abstention

- c. Cole Property recreation - suspension bridge proposal- Chair Bentley inquired to Mr. Badger to elaborate. Mr. Badger stated that he has received support from Conservation groups and the Audubon Society. He described the project as a community project as in-kind labor from the Scouts and others would be utilized with assistance from the awarded contractor. He described the location as a pleasing landmark and stated that it would be open to strollers but that ATV use will be mitigated. He described a non motorized movement of materials. He stated that the design was approved by the Audubon Society and the Friends of Myles Standish. Ms. Ross inquired to the Committee if additional funds could be added to cover any run overs as material costs have been increasing. Mr. Badger stated that the design was tweaked and that he is confident that they could stay on budget.

Mr. Tracey approved to appropriate Twenty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred (\$22,500.00) dollars from the Community Preservation FY 2021 Estimated Annual Fund Revenues to the Carver Conservation Commission for the purpose of erecting a suspension bridge on the "Orange Trail" in the Town owned Cole Prop-

erty. Said Sums to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee in consultation with the Carver Conservation Commission and the Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto, seconded by Ms. Sordillo. A roll call took place where 7 Committee Members voted in favor and Mr. Badger abstained.

VOTE 7 TO 1 Abstention

- d. VOTE on overall Article for Town Meeting. Chair Bentley described the Article as broken into A, B, C as described above and D where Ms. LeMay provides input as documented for the required reserves (open space/recreation - (if needed), affordable housing, historic preservation). Mr. Tracey motioned to approve Articles A, B and C as set forth in the meeting. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. A roll call took place where all Committee Members voted in favor. Unanimous. VOTE: 8 to 0

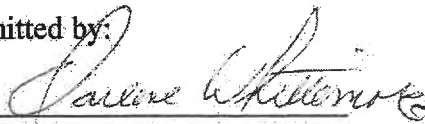
5. Other issues which might arise. None

6. Set next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021. Chair Bentley stated the Town Meeting date as April, 13, 2021. Ms. Ross motioned to adjourn; Ms. Sordillo seconded. A roll call took place where all Committee Members voted in favor, Unanimous. VOTE: 8 to 0

VOTE: 8 - 0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by:



Darlene Whittemore, Secretary