

CARVER CPC

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 28, 2019

Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Meeting Room 1

{Present if noted}*

* Bob Bentley, Chair

*Jim Hoffman

*Fran Mello

Jason Pecorelli

* Zack Swain

*Kevin Tracey

*Gail Nauen

Mary Ross

* Darlene Whittemore, Secretary

The Minutes of January 31, 2018 were postponed to vote until next meeting.

Public Meeting to discuss proposals made to the Committee for possible recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting.

1. Presentation by the Recreation Committee, the Town Administrator (and others) regarding a proposal for the ballfields behind the present police station. Review of plans, costs, timelines, etc. \$600,00 requested. Possible vote.
Chair Bentley stated that the Public Meeting was published in the Carver Reporter on the 15th and 22nd of February and it also appeared on the Town Website. He stated the intention of the Committee is to review the proposal of the ballfields from the Recreation Committee and that the CPC Committee was not re-litigating the decision of the Board of Selectmen to move the playground. Mr. Hoffman stated that he wanted to clarify to the audience that he is representing the CPC and not the Planning Board or the Recreation Committee. Chair Bentley introduced the other members with respect to their affiliation as either member at large or a representative of historic, affordable housing, conservation or administrative. He also stated that Mrs. Ross and Mr. Pecorelli were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Thomas Linden, representing the Recreation Committee, handed out copies of the proposal. He stated that the master plan was developed found poor drainage of the existing ball fields, improper orientation, overlapping of two outfields, fenced in basketball courts that are not in use, poor bathroom facilities and concession stand with structural issues. The project was planned in phases, this being the first. He stated the other large issue was parking where safety and traffic flow are problematic. He stated that he created a new curbed parking and that the playground area and was illustrated using similar equipment from the present playground. He further stated that the areas would be fenced in and the softball field would be converted to one large field vs. 2 smaller overlapping fields which was agreed upon by the softball representatives, and a soccer field would also be added. He stated that total cost for the first phase as \$747,610 but that the request for money from the CPC Committee is for \$600,000 as donations and volunteer labor are expected to make up the difference.

Mr. Milanoski stated that this is the last major recreation project for the town for many years and that he believes that the Town can come up with \$147,000 in volunteer labor and assistance through the DPW. When asked by Ms. Mello what would be left off if a shortfall were to exist and the cost to deconstruct the exiting playground; he stated the worse case scenario would be to omit site lighting and the second well and that the cost to deconstruct as approximately \$5,000 on the equipment and the remainder by volunteers. Discussion of the walking path ensued. Mr. Linden stated the estimate to accomplish all phases as approximately \$1,400,000.

Several citizens spoke both for and against the project. To summarize, the following issues were stated as: why wasn't that site considered years ago when the original playground was created, the dislike of the playground being in the center, suggestions to slow down the process and assess possibly another location toward the side, why are we constructing when we have already spent money on the existing playground, that numerous citizens are not aware of this project, confusion surrounding the plan with dissidence and tension. Other voices in support stated that the project makes sense as parents of baseball children where they have spent too many years in less than desirable conditions, the need for siblings to be able to play during practices and game time as stated as the 'best of both worlds', to reduce the stress in the parking area and avoid injuries in other areas of the park and eliminate the need to wait for the field to drain to use; several requested to bring this to Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Collins Report that was written several years ago.

Chair Bentley stated that if this project moves forward that the amount of taxes would not increase as CPA monies would be expended. Mr. Milanoski stated that taxes increase annually by 2.5 - 2.8% as a result of proposition 2 1/2. Chair Bentley stated that the Committee would take the input from the meeting under advisement and plan to vote on March 7, 2019.

2. Discussion of submission by the Carver Housing Authority for roof replacement. \$91,633.00 requested. Possible vote.

Chair Bentley stated that the Carver Housing Authority is not associated with the Town of Carver but with the state as DHCD, the Department of Housing and Community Development. He stated that they are asking the Town for funds for what could be a state funded project. Mr. Milanoski stated that the state has monies for maintenance and wondered why the monies should come from Carver rather than the DHCD. He also stated that the Town is working on a survey to uncover the Town's needs and encouraged the Committee to wait for those results vs. providing for a state roof. Chair Bentley stated that the Committee would plan to vote on this on March 7, 2019.


3. Other issues which might arise.
None

4. Set next meeting date and adjourn.
The next meeting is schedule for March 7, 2019 at 7 pm in meeting room 4.

Mr. Hoffman moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tracey. Unanimous.
VOTE: 6 to 0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by:



Darlene Whittemore, Secretary