

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

January 13, 2016

Present: George Barrett, Jaime Buckminster-Rebhan, Brian Litchfield, co-chair, Bill Lockwood, Sandy Slavin, co-chair, Sherbie Worthen

Guests: Nick Petronelli, Charlie Young, Wareham Girls Softball, Mark Rasmussen, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Rev. Katherine Schofield, First Congregational Church, Garry Buckminster, Harbormaster

Call to Order: Brian Litchfield opened the meeting at 6:05pm

Project Presentations:

- **Wareham Girls Softball:** Requesting \$19,150 from Open Space/Recreation for 3 fencing projects. Mssrs. Young and Petronelli described the Wareham Girls Softball (WGS) program currently leasing 3 fields from the Town of Wareham at Westfield recreational area. They are in the process of applying for 501c3 status. They lease the fields from the Town on an annual basis and will need to renew, April 1, 2016. WGS maintains the property and has already paid to upgrade the irrigation system.
- **Onset Bay Bathhouse Historic Rehabilitation:** Requesting \$215,000 from Historic Preservation as part of a major project to restore the bathhouse as an educational/recreational center for the town and a linchpin of the Onset Bay Discovery Project. Mark Rasmussen presented the feasibility study and architectural drawings by Richard Renner. He will be seeking a 99 year lease from the Town. Planning pilot programs this summer and initial building during winter, 2016-17. The Bathhouse Project has received letters of support from the Town Administrator, Harbormaster, Onset Bay Association, Wareham Land Trust and the Boys and Girls Club of Wareham. Additional funding is being sought from the Mass Cultural Council and MA Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program as well as from a major private fundraising campaign.
- **Historic Window Preservation Project:** Requesting \$60,000 from Historic Preservation to restore and preserve the historic stained glass windows at the First Congregational Church as part of a total budget of \$175,00 for the exterior building. Rev. Schofield described the history of the building on the edge of the Village Green from 1739. It has been rebuilt and restored in the past. The current building dates from 1914. The windows need cleaning and protective sheeting over the stained glass per proposal from Willet Hauser, Architectural Glass, Inc. Other funds are being sought from State Preservation grants and private donations.

Financial Update: Sandy Slavin reported on CPC available funds; \$1.2million for 2016, \$780,000 for 2017. Reserve set-asides will be \$78,000 for each of the three areas, Open Space/Recreation, Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and \$39,000 for administrative funds.

Votes on April Town Meeting Proposed Warrant Articles (Deadline 2/1/16):

- **Wareham Girls Softball** - Proposal for \$24,000, includes bump up from \$19,500, from unallocated funds for fencing three fields. George Barrett moved approval. Bill Lockwood seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.

- **Minot Dog Park** - Proposal for \$100,000 from Open Space/Recreation originally submitted for Fall, 2015 Town Meeting. Approval to submit Citizen Article if proposal fails to go on Warrant for Spring, 2016. Barrett moved to approve. Lockwood seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.
- **Historic Window Preservation** – Proposal for \$60,000 from Historic Preservation funds to restore First Congregational Church' stained glass windows. Barrett moved approval. Jaime Buckminster-Rebhan seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.
- **Onset Bathhouse Historic Rehabilitation** – Proposal for \$215,000 from Historic Preservation for reconstruction of the Bathhouse as part of the Onset Bay Discovery Project. Litchfield moved approval, Lockwood seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.
- **Reserve Set-Asides** – Request for set-asides from \$273,000 of 10% each for three areas. Litchfield moved approval. Rebhan-Buckminster seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.

Minutes, 12/9/2015: Motion to approve minutes. Slavin noted date correction from 12/12 to 12/9. Rebhan-Buckminster moved approval of amended minutes. Litchfield seconded. Vote: 5-0-1.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned, 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, clerk, Community Preservation Committee

Sherbie Worthen, 3/22/16