

Community Preservation Committee
December 13, 2023
Wareham Town Hall, Room 24

Present: David Heard, Chair, Sandy Slavin, Treasurer, Sam Corbitt, Sherbie Worthen, Clerk

Absent: Jean Connaughton, Patrick Lester

Guests: Bob Catarius, Wareham Youth Soccer, Angela Dunham, Wareham Historical Society

Call to Order: Dave Heard opened meeting at 6:02pm, followed by Roll Call.

Minutes: 11/8/ 23: Sandy Slavin made a motion to approve Minutes, Sam Corbitt seconded, **Vote: 4-0-0.**

CPC Recent Payments: \$1680 for solar lights at **Shangri-la Shores Playground** approved and submitted. \$2,600 remaining in grant. \$14,000 for kiosk, paid. \$10,000 donation received. Tree planting in Spring will complete project.

Sawyer Conservation was paid \$27,000. Town paid all expenses.

Wareham Youth Soccer remaining balance, \$8,225. Is \$8,043 considered restoration or Maintenance?

Affordable Housing Trust contract with Wingate will be finalized. \$56,000 out of \$60,000 submitted by AHT to CPC for first building. Second building of 56 units will receive \$56,000.

Wareham Historical Society Projects Update: Angela Dunham reported on **Great Neck Chapel** restoration. All Board members are committed to finishing work. Volunteers have given a lot of time. Ron Dunham has replaced rotting windows in the chapel. Chapel roof is redone and electric heating installed. Balance \$28,617. **Schoolhouse Roof** repairs require resourcing outside help. Mac Phinney is volunteering his work on window glazing and replacing rotting boards. Balance, \$26,605. Ms Dunham expects to complete painting and other restoration in Spring. The options to change HPR by-laws include updating or asking that requirements be removed at Town Meeting. Expenses for **An Architectural Survey** for all historic buildings was to be covered through a gift from Bill Decas, who died before grant was funded.

Youth Soccer Update: Bob Catarius expressed “thanks” for the field. They are serving 140 children, ages 4-16, includes a junior program, travel teams and visiting town teams. Field was never smooth, re-seeded in late August for \$8,000, not maintenance but smoothing out and applying top dressing in order to level area. Irrigation and water pressure are good. May build (storage) building. Own large mower. Tigers have a lease on 40 acres. Interest in creating a parking lot for possible 110 cars. Would require tree clearing. Slavin shows balance of \$8,043 Catarius was approved for purchase of a Johnson sign for \$1,620 bringing reduced balance to \$6,423.31

Next Meeting, January 10, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion made and accepted to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, Clerk

Sherbie Worthen, 2/20/24