

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES, 1/11/2023  
WAREHAM TOWN HALL  
ROOM 24, 6:00PM

**Present:** David Heard, Co-Chair, Sandy Slavin, Co-Chair and Treasurer, Patrick Lester, Sherbie Worthen, Clerk (arrived 6:10pm) Judith Whiteside, Co-Liaison, Tricia Wurtz, Co-Liaison

**Absent:** Jean Connaughton, Sam Corbitt

**Guests:** Angela Dunham, Wareham Historical Society, Claire Smith, Marie Greig, Swifts Beach

**Call to Order:** Dave Heard called meeting to order at 6:11pm, followed by **Roll Call**.

**Minutes, 12/14/22.** Sandy Slavin made motion to approve Minutes, Heard seconded.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Welcome Patrick Lester:** Heard welcomed Patrick Lester, new board member representing Open Space Committee.

**Updates on Open Projects:**

- Swifts Beach received final Playground Safety Funds of \$13,439 approved by Open Space to fund fencing protecting play area from cars. Municipal Maintenance will assist with labor. The total cost is \$16,000, the balance to be funded by the Swifts Beach Association. Marie Greig read an Update from Christy Patalano that included a \$600 grant from the Cultural Council. Grand opening with the Toe Jam Band will take place 5/27/2023.
- Shangri-la Playground's drainage system prevented damage from heavy rains.
- Dog Park is a work in progress.
- School House and Chapel – Both have new roofs. Angela Dunham credited Mac Phinney and Ron Dunham for re-glazing the windows and painting sides of building. The Chapel will have electricity in the building including electrical heat. 3 electricians have reviewed the project. Railings will be restored. Dunham prefers yard signs crediting Town's CPA funding rather than banners which can become damp and moldy.
- Bike Path – project will be terminated. Minot Ave. connection too narrow, unsafe. Judith Whiteside will check former contract with JC Engineering.

**Proposed Projects and Applications:**

- **West Wareham School:** is on the Historical Preservation websites for the Wareham Historical Commission and the State.
- **Oak Grove School:** Proposed as the Cape Verdean Center. Town currently holds the lease which will be retained by Headstart for another year. CPC gave a \$17,500 grant to the Center in 2007.

- **High School Auditorium Lighting Upgrade:** Heard emailed Jason Roth 12/21/22 explaining auditorium lighting did not qualify for CPC funding under Recreation.
- **Tremont Nail Factory Office Façade** request for \$110,000 under Historic Preservation. Whiteside asked about including funds for rehabilitating old Tremont Nail Company sign and Company store sign.
- **Depot Street Train Station** request for \$400,000 under Historic Preservation to re-do façade as original train station to create a “presentable entrance to Onset.” Surrounding area is contaminated wetlands.
- **Littleton Drive** request for \$300,000 to cover funding shortfall.
- **Bayview Park, Onset** request for \$1,080,000 under Open Space and Recreation to increase access, safety, functionality, recreation.
- **Wareham Land Trust** request for \$47,990 to acquire 12.1 acres off Red Brook near Lyman Reserve, create walking path access. Need to make sure land is all in Wareham before purchasing.
- **Woodland Cove** request from Dakota Partners for \$500,000 shortfall. Need Wareham support in order to receive additional DHCD funds.

CPC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans - discussion involving WCTV and possible student support through high school video program. Whiteside described her 10<sup>th</sup> grade English Class essays written In 2002 (?) supporting the town’s acceptance of CPA. They were written with enthusiasm and passion for saving open space and other community assets. Whiteside suggested essays may still be available in the Library and could make a contribution to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Tricia Wurtz expressed her interest in better CPC marketing and finding ways to educate the community about what is available now as well as new possibilities for CPC funding.

**CPC Funding Update** – State amount has increased giving CPC a total for this year of \$487,169.

**Town Website** – CPA Charter still in updating process.

**Invoices** – \$2,000 to the Bandshell, \$152 to the Dog Park, \$3,500 for Community Preservation annual dues, \$75,000 to the Onset Pier, \$153,000 to Shangri-La playground. Swift’s Beach contract is ready.

**CPC Signage** – Heard displayed CPC signs with logos for projects in process from Village signs. A 2’x 8’ banner will work in some areas, lawn signs better in others. The Committee recommended blue lettering and logo on a white background. Heard will ask for a mock up from Village Sign. Upon completion, a permanent sign recognizing CPA funding is the project proponent’s responsibility.

**Annual Dues** – Slavin made a motion to pay Community Preservation Membership dues of \$3,500. Worthen seconded. **Vote:**4-0-0

**Next Meeting, January 25, 2023, Town Hall, Rm 24, 6pm.** Because of large number of proposals that must be submitted before the Warrant closes on February 28, additional meeting (s) will be necessary. Suggestion to meet **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** with proponents for Depot Street Station, Land Trust Purchase, Tremont Office Building façade. Additional meeting possible on Friday, **Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am with Littleton Drive and Woodland Cove. Regular meeting **February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm with Mr. Sullivan re. Bayview Park.

Slavin will need material to write each article and motion by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn accepted, 8:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, Clerk.*

*Sherbie Worthen 1/31/23*