

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

August 10, 2016

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

Guests: Judith Whiteside, Board of Selectmen, Angela Dunham, Wareham Historical Society, Marie Grieg, Kevin Bartsch, Wareham Land Trust, Brendan Annett, Buzzards Bay Coalition, John Yazwinski, Father Bill's and Mainspring, Reverend David Shaw, Wareham Area Clergy Association

Call to Order: Brian Litchfield opened meeting at 6:06

Presentations on Proposals for October Town Meeting

Lopes Play Area Assessment and Engineering Plan (new proposal) - Requesting \$75,000 under Open Space/Recreation from Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator, presented by Judy Whiteside, to begin regeneration of Lopes 4.57 acres. Feedback will be sought from K-5th grade students. Design first followed by RFP. Funding request to CPC for Spring Town Meeting to complete project. Community effort will be promoted for build in September, 2017.

A second playground re-build will be proposed in April, 2017 for the former Hammond School playground with a starting date in Fall, 2017.

Bill Lockwood left meeting at 6:30pm.

Sandy Slavin moved that the Committee approve the \$75,000 grant for the Lopes Field rehabilitation, George Barrett seconded. Vote 5-0-0.

West Wareham Affordable Housing and Open Space - Requesting \$632,000 Kevin Bartsch, John Yazwinski, Brendan Annett described the affordable housing and open space purchase request as "a unique opportunity to address 2 areas". Father Bill's is a regional nonprofit with a 92% success rate in providing supportive housing which includes employment of community based case managers. Examples exist in Hingham, Weymouth, Plymouth and Brockton. Proposed Wareham facility will house 6 people in 4 units.

The project has received \$100,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust as well as a \$35,000 Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) watershed mini-grant.

The 8 acres of open space will have access and parking off PaperMill Rd and will continue to create a greenway corridor along the Weweantic. The BBC has a Purchase and Sale Agreement, 2 acres will be assigned to Father Bill's, 8 acres assigned to Conservation Commission. Proposers will present to Board of Selectmen in September.

Committee Vote recorded, 7/27/16, 3-2-0.

Union Chapel Restoration – Wareham Historical Society (WHS) requesting \$55,350 under Historic Preservation to restore and upgrade Union Chapel. Slavin recused herself as officer of WHS. Angela Dunham described plans to rent to up to 50 people, which will eliminate need for expensive monitored fire alarm. Baseboard heating will be used only when occupied. Electrical outlets will be increased. Project was approved, 7/27/16, Vote 4-0-1.

Vikings Athletic Club - Litchfield reported that proposal has been postponed until spring, 2017, due to lack of specific plans and illustrations.

Minutes, 7/27/16: Slavin moved approval with change of total funding for Union Chapel from \$55,530 to \$55,350. Rebhan-Buckminster seconded. Vote 4-0-1.

Funding Sources for Articles: Slavin stated,

- Father Bill's - \$632,000 from Unallocated Funds
- Agawam Village Housing Units - \$453,000 from Affordable Housing Reserves
- Union Chapel - \$55,350 from Historic Preservation Reserves
- Lopes Field Restoration - \$75,000 from Open Space/Recreation Reserves

Next Meeting: August 24th, Town Hall, 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion made and accepted to adjourn, 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, clerk, Community Preservation Committee

Sherbie Worthen, 10/17/16