

Town of Wenham

Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2016
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Committee members, a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7 PM.

With a quorum present, Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Committee Present: At-Large Members Harriet Davis, Chair; Kennon Anderson; Patrick Waddell, Clerk; Tom Starr
Town Representatives: Arthur Burt, Wenham Housing Authority; Denis Curran, Joint Recreation Board; Barbara Locke, Historic District Commission; Vice Chair Leo Maestranzi, Conservation Commission; Virginia Rogers, Planning Board
Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

Public Information:

Agenda

Applications

Minutes – November 2, 2015

Held for review.

Ms. Davis announced the BOS are holding a public hearing on January 19, 2016 to receive public input regarding the Lakeview property on Main Street. The owners of the Lakeview Golf Course have given notice to the Town of a change in intent of use of this Chapter 61 property from recreation to residential. Because this is a Chapter 61 property the Town has the right of first refusal to purchase the property.

The Committee reviewed the applications submitted for consideration for Community Preservation Funding. The deadline was Friday, January 7, 2016 and all applications before the committee were submitted appropriately.

1. Historic Preservation - First Church of Wenham \$ 196,600 for the preservation of the bell and clock tower restoration; this does not include the (town) clock.

It was the consensus of the committee to have a presentation on this application.

2. Recreation - Veteran's Memorial \$10,000 for lawn and shrub installation around the memorial.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application.

3. Open Space - Tipert, 47 Maple Street. This application was incomplete and denied.

4. Recreation - Friends of the Winthrop (school) Playground \$25,000

It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application.

5. Historic Preservation – A new building for Enon One (Antique fire engine) \$100,000 (this is a stand in figure) It was questioned if this application could/ should be submitted under historic preservation as it will be used to house and preserve the Town's first pumper fire apparatus. The Chair will follow up on the appropriateness of this application. It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application.

6. Historic Preservation - Town Hall renovation debt service \$143,937.50

The Committee agreed this application be considered.

7. Historic Preservation – Wenham Cemetery Commission for the continued preservation of headstones in the Wenham Main Street Cemetery - \$40,000

It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application

8. Recreation – Hamilton Wenham Recreation Committee/ Field Working Group \$22,592.64 for designs and permits for a synthetic turf game field(s) at the High School as part of the Recreation Master Plan. It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application

9. Open Space – Town of Wenham for the potential purchase of the Lakeview Golf Course pending the Board of Selectmen's decision.

Catherine Harrison, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, was asked to update the Committee of the possible scenarios for the Lakeview property. Ms. Harrison summarized the Board is drafting a Host Community Agreement with the property owners to set conditions for a potential development should the town not exercise its right of first refusal to purchase the property. The Selectmen had an appraisal done; the property appraised for \$2.75 million. It was the consensus of the Committee to have a presentation on this application pending the BOS decision to purchase the property.

A general discussion followed.

The Committee agreed presentations be limited to 10 to 15 minutes to be scheduled on:

January 28, 2016 - First Church, Veteran's Memorial, Cemetery Commission

February 1, 2016– Playground, Fields, Enon One

February 10, 2016 - Discussion

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley
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