

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committees
February 26, 2014 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Tom Catalano, Ed Howard, Ray Whipple, Nepo Trepanier, Jay Butler, and Keith Glidden. Christine Berry, Hamilton CPC Coordinator was also present. With a quorum of CPC members present, the meeting was opened at 7:35pm

Acceptance of Minutes from the January 23rd CPC Meeting

The minutes from the January 23rd meeting was accepted.

Patton Park Pool Septic Update

Marc Johnson, Board of Selectman was present to give a brief update on the pool septic system. Marc stated that plans for the septic have circulated that show the septic being sited on property owned by the Schooling Fields, which has been under lease by the Town since 1971. He stated that the lease is for recreation purposes. He reported that there have been meetings with Myopia to discuss the use of the lease area. He added that if those discussions do not go well, that the septic can be shifted if needed.

Vote on CPA FY15 Funding Applications

Restoration of Historical Books, Jane Wetson

Jane Wetson, Town Clerk, reported that she would like to remove the more recent books, Town Meeting Volumes 16-19 (dates from 1988-2012) from her application. With the removal of those books, the cost for the restoration is \$5,500.00. Annette Janes said that the books are an important history of the Town. Jane said that she used to receive \$1000 in her budget every year for restoration, but that that line item has been pulled. The CPC approved the project to move forward to Town Meeting for \$5,500.00.

Hamilton Senior Center Renovation, Mary Beth Lawton

Mary Beth Lawton, Director of the Council on Aging, presented her application for the renovation of the bathrooms at the Senior Center. She reported that both the men's and women's bathrooms will be ADA compliant. The project includes plumbing, lights, vents, and floors. The CPC approved the project to move forward to Town Meeting for 30,180.00.

AP Gardner Post 194 Updating/Winterizing, Greg McKenna

Greg McKenna presented the application for restoration of the windows, doors and hardwood floors at the American Legion. Tom Catalano noted his concern about the applicant not being faithful to historic preservation guidelines. Tom asked the applicant to go back to Anderson and get a price for windows that would be in keeping with the original windows on the building. He also asked that they find doors that are also in keeping with the historic look of the building. Christine reported that Town Counsel advised that the Town enter into a Public Benefit Agreement with the American Legion that outlines the existing benefits the Legion provides to

the Town as well as new benefits the Legion could provide. It was advised the vote be postponed until the applicant could come back with a revised plan on the windows and doors, as well as a plan for the Public Benefit Agreement.

Preserving Our Pictures, Annette Janes

Annette Janes, from the Hamilton Historical Society, was present to discuss this project requesting \$9,820.00 to digitalize their collection of photos. Annette is working with Digital Commonwealth on the project. The CPC recommended that the project move forward to Town Meeting for \$9,820.00.

Patton Park Pool Update

John Causalito from the Joint Recreation Board was present to give an update on the Patton Park Pool project. John reported that the Board has requested bids for different designs based on the public comments they've received. He reported that meetings with the Planning Board and ZBA have been scheduled for later this month. Bids are due on March 20th. John reported that these bids include a smaller bather load and reduced amenities. He also added that this project is intended to benefit not just the pool, but the entire park as it will include long-term seasonal bathrooms and added parking. John said that the Recreation Board will decide which pool options move forward. He said that what is being brought forward to Town Meeting is different than what failed in the Fall. Jay added that the CPC is not taking action, that this is just an update. It was noted that Wenham's participation will be an issue. John said that the Friends of Patton Park are getting active again. Keith Glidden said that residents will participate by paying fees. Ed noted that he has had concerns over the soil concerns for a long time. He said the Hamilton Development Corporation (HDC) just signed a contract to explore the septic capabilities of downtown.

Bill Dery said that this project is just repackaging the same pool that failed in the Fall, and that they should not have designed a leach field on non-Town land. Jack Lawrence, a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, said that they have raised a number of issues such as how the bonding would be split and whether there would be an inter-municipal agreement put in place. George Lafontaine asked how the warrant would describe Wenham's involvement. Jeff Hubbard, speaking on behalf of himself and not the Selectboard, said that he is hearing that the pool is too big.

The discussion was tabled until the next CPC meeting.

Downtown Lanterns, Jeff Hubbard

Jeff Hubbard presented his proposal to install new lanterns in downtown. These lanterns would replicate those that were there historically. Jeff reported that other towns have used CPA funds for similar projects, but admitted that those towns did not stay within the guidelines of CPA eligible uses. Jeff said that the HDC has refused to release funds for this project. Keith said that the CPC has to use their analysis about what is eligible for CPA funds and their judgment for recommending projects. Tom said that since Town Counsel

and Coalition said no to eligibility, that is not something they should move forward with, and suggested that the HDC fund the project.

Administrative Fund Request – Annual Community Preservation Coalition Dues

\$1,750.00 in CPA Administration funds was requested for Community Preservation Coalition's Annual Membership Dues. The request was approved.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00pm.