

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committees
August 14, 2014 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held at Hamilton Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Jay Butler (Acting Chair), Jennifer Scuteri, Bo Preston, Keith Glidden, and Ray Whipple. 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 June 12th CPC Meeting

The minutes from the June 12th meeting were accepted.

STM CPA Application Review

Patton Park Wheel Replacement

Allison Jenkins, representing the DPW, was present to discuss the proposal which requests \$10,000 for the replacement of the wheels on the cannons at Patton Park. Allison noted that the wheels will be restored to the best of their ability, but parts may need to be replaced. DPW will bid the project out. The CPC agreed that the project is eligible for CPA funds and said they should come back in September with a final CPA application for funding.

Patton Park Baseball Diamond

Phil Tocci, representing the Joint HW Recreation Board was present to discuss this proposal which requests \$15,000 to make repairs to the large baseball diamond at Patton Park. Repairs include replacing fences, dugout benches and bleachers. Phil reported that there are numerous safety concerns about the existing fencing, benches, and spectator bleachers. He reported that the bleachers will be moveable. The CPC asked that the next application define the type of bleachers. The CPC agreed that the project is eligible for CPA funds and said they should come back in September with a final CPA application for funding.

Patton Park Pool Update

Selectman Scott Maddern was present to provide an update on the Patton Park Pool. Scott reported that a small working group has been formed with both Hamilton and Wenham representatives and that they are working to keep the momentum going. He said there have been important changes to several of the boards in Wenham, and that they are looking at alternate locations for the pool. He said that the Joint Recreation Agreement is being revised to include the pool. He said they are hiring a new pool builder to help with an independent cost estimate. Scott said that Wenham will not be holding a Special Town Meeting this fall, so the timing for voting on the project will be tricky. He said they are looking to present the project to Annual Town Meeting in the spring with a not to exceed \$ figure for both the design and build.

The CPC felt that it was important that Wenham is participating and that the Recreation Board communicates what it wants to accomplish to the communities. Scott reported that Sean Timmons has a good handle on the recreation needs of the community.

Acceptance of Gift Agreements for Donovan Debt Contribution

Three gift agreements were accepted with donations for the Donovan field acquisition. Keith Glidden abstained from the vote on the Hamilton Wenham Open Land Trust donation. The amounts accepted were as follows:

Hamilton Wenham Open Land Trust - \$5000.00

Hamilton-Wenham Youth Soccer Association - \$3,810.00

Hamilton-Wenham Girls Lacrosse - \$1,450.00

Discussion of Turf Stadium Allowable CPA Spending

The CPC discussed the newsletter the Community Preservation Coalition sent out on allowable spending for recreation, particularly in regards to turf fields. The newsletter stated that the CPA legislation intended to fund recreation projects that were in outdoor, open and more natural settings such as parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, etc. It was noted that large high school stadiums with fixed bleachers, press boxes and similar large structures are problematic for CPA expenditures. The CPC discussed this as something to keep in mind as a turf field CPA application may come before them in the future.

Review and Close-out of Open CPA Projects

The CPC voted to close out the Patton Park Liberty Road Markers project which had \$925.00 remaining in the account. They requested to hear from project applicants on the Patton Park Playground, Patton Homestead, and Hamilton Meeting House projects as to whether those projects could be closed out. They also asked whether the remaining funds in the Donovan property account could be put towards the Donovan debt payment. Christine will discuss with Deborah Mena, and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.