

MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
January 23, 2023
Location: Online Meeting

The Community Preservation Committee (the “CPC” or the “Committee”) convened a regular meeting, duly noticed, on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7 p.m. via the videoconferencing platform Zoom. CPC members present were Steve Ober, Chair; Nathalie Thompson; Steve Wagner; Marcy Dorna; Neil Levitt, Barry Tubman; and Leslie Glynn, CPC member Nina Danforth was absent. Also in attendance were Bharath Venkataraman, Finance Committee member, Weston Media Center Videographer Jim Tremble, and CPC Administrator Cheri Amour Mahan.

Steve Ober indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Ober advised the Committee that a new Conservation Commissioner, Glenn Butcher, will be appointed to the CPC as the Conservation Commission’s representative.

Mr. Ober advised the Committee that three applications had been received. All three will be discussed at the meeting on February 6, 2023.

Applications for FY2024 May Town Meeting:

- i. Community Housing Support/Reginal Housing Services Office
- ii. Rhododendron Garden at the Case Estate
- iii. Pickleball and Tennis Courts

Project Discussion

Pickleball and Tennis courts

Mr. Ober noted that the pickleball/tennis court requests came in as one application. Mr. Ober referenced the CPC’s prior discussions around the design fees for the pickleball courts. Mr. Ober mentioned how it appeared from the application that the Recreation Commission and Recreation Master Plan Steering CPC have spent approximately \$30,000 out of some combination of the Recreation Enterprise Fund retained earnings and the Recreation operating budget on design fees for the tennis courts.

Marcy Dorna shared that last year the Recreation consultant recommended that all courts be done at one time, including located on school properties.

Steve Wagner noted that the two projects are significantly different and he was surprised to see them packaged together.

Natalie Thompson asked if CPC could approve one and not the other project. Mr. Ober discussed the relative CPA eligibility of both projects.

Mr. Ober asked Ms. Dorna if she knew why the Burchard Park tennis courts were separated from all the other courts in terms of the timing of the replacement work. Ms. Dorna answered that the School Committee had not yet given permission to move forward with the work on the school courts.

Mr. Ober asked Ms. Dorna what the timing was for the design of the tennis courts and was any thought given to requesting CPA funds. Ms. Dorna answered that the idea for doing the Burchard Park tennis courts at the same time came late in the process.

Other Committee Business

Mr. Ober advised on the CPC meeting dates:

February 6, 2023

February 13, 2023

February 27, 2023

March 13, 2023, Public Hearing

The plan going forward is for the CPC meeting minutes to be ready before the following CPC meeting.

Minutes of the June 27, 2022, July 11, 2022, and July 19, 2022 Meetings

VOTE: Mr. Ober entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 27, 2022, July 11, 2022 and July 19, 2022. Mr. Wagner made the motion, seconded by Ms. Glynn. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Ober shared with the Committee that he will be stepping down from the CPC after Annual Town Meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Amour Mahan
CPC Administrator

Appendix A
CPC Meeting
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Document List

- 1) CPA Applications for FY 2024 Annual Town Meeting:
 - a. Rhododendron Garden at the Case Estate
 - i. Application
 - b. Pickleball court and tennis courts
 - i. Application
 - c. Community Housing Support/Regional Housing Service Office
 - i. Application
- 2) Draft Minutes June 27, 2022, CPC Meeting
- 3) Draft Minutes July 11, 2022, CPC Meeting
- 4) Draft Minutes July 19, 2022, CPC Meeting