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Minutes

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Present: Mike Dempsey, Bob Guptill, Kathy Prunier, Andrea Johnson, Tom Minichiello, Claire Walsh, Pam Blaquiere and Joe D'Amore

Meeting open at 7:04 pm, moved by Mike, second by Bob, unanimous

Mike explained:

This meeting of the CPC will be dedicated to a public hearing on Community Needs Assessment so we can gather information about potential CPA projects and other unmet needs in the community.

Reviewed CPA purpose

Mike explained dedication to Affordable Housing, Open Space, Historic Preservation and Recreation. Ten Percent set asides for only three. Recent changes occurred to the Recreation category which makes it easier to fund this type of project from the general fund category.

Our CPC purpose is to investigate needs, solicit proposals, review submittal and make recommendations to Town Meeting.

There are many handouts at the back of the room available for attendees explaining CPA and common questions about the Act. In addition, our 2015 RFP is available along with some project submissions from prior years.

General Questions

James Logan of 213 Washington St asked what was going on with the Johnson Pond and watershed cleanup. Mike explained that the state has requested a watershed study and once the report is received the Highway Department and Conservation Commission will be working on a plan.

Mike Davis of Groveland Open Space and Trails Committee detailed the latest efforts on the Groveland Community Trail, a 2014 CPA project. He explained the current work to develop a 10 and 25 percent plan for the Mass DOT requirement for rail trail funding. He intends on submitting another proposal in 2015 for the next step in plan development. Joe asked about the total costs and potential payback. Mike Davis explained we may have to put up about \$500,000 but will get back 4-5 million in funds from MassDOT if and when the trail gets funded. Board members also asked Mike Davis to make sure to address the maintenance issues brought up by some residents.

Erin Pinkham of Groveland Baseball discussed her plans to revitalize Washington Park for Groveland baseball. The playground there is not safe, not handicap accessible and is outdated. They are looking for some funds to fix it. The organization is a 503c entity and manages the park with the town Recreation

board. Board members explained that any project for recreation cannot contain maintenance or normal ongoing operational costs but must upgrade a facility.

Barbara Gauvin of the Trustees of the Langley Adams Library explained how the library has just received a grant from the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium to hire a consultant to the study library and put a proposal together. The board encouraged the library to apply for CPA funds to address the use or protection of any historic resources.

Bob Guptill of the Groveland Cemetery Commission detailed the work done by the Cemetery Commission at Riverside Cemetery under the 2013 CPA grant. Great work is being done on the Civil War era stones under this grant. Many additional projects have been identified. Joe mentioned that a resident is interested in working up a proposal for protecting the Revolutionary War era stones. There are stones that need to be restored and she may even be willing to make a donation. He is not sure the project will be proposed this year.

Bob Guptil as a member of the Affordable Housing Committee discussed the affordable housing work being done under a 2013 CPA funded project to study the potential of building more housing behind the fire station or elsewhere. The numbers generated by the report will help them committee to put together another CPA proposal for a possible building.

Pam Blaquiere of Groveland Recreation told the committee that Groveland Soccer may be interested in putting a proposal forward. Parking is inadequate at Shanahan Field. Dan MacDonald of 2 Wyka Lane discussed his concern for parking there and the need for improvements. He did not believe that it would be that costly to make the improvements. The Pines Playground is another area that could use some attention.

Claire Walsh of the Groveland Historic Commission said she is working with the Groveland Conservation Commission on a potential submission for a Historic Preservation project at Veasey Park.

Joe D'Amore of the Groveland Selectmen talked about the board's interest in purchasing the former Getty site. It might be developed as a riverside park with limited parking. He may ask the committee for funds to design a project.

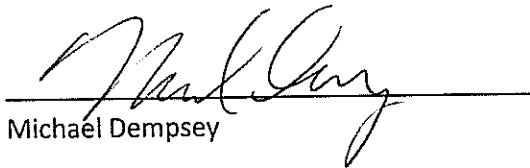
Mike thanked all the attendees and committee members for details of their plans and needs.

Next meeting

None scheduled at this time

It was moved to close the meeting by Mike and second by Bob, unanimous.

Submitted


Michael Dempsey

1-22-15
Date Approved