

Community Preservation Committee November 20, 2013

Present: Deb Ricci, Didi Chadran, John Martin, Joe Hutchinson, Beth Williams, Deb Thomson, Joanne Ward, Joe Schmidt

Guests: Joe Theriault, Moe Danchause, Jack Spero, John Lee, Jim Lee, Steve Colwell, Sydney Blackwell

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm. Deb R announced that Chris Ready had resigned from the Committee and was replaced by Leo Blair as the MAHT representative.

Joe Schmidt announced on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee that they were withdrawing their request for funding to restore the WWI flagpole monument. He indicated that they would probably renew their grant request in the next cycle.

Representatives of the Cemetery Commission presented their grant request for \$17,000 for removal of trees encroaching on the Shaker Cemetery. Joe Theriault on behalf of the Historical Commission made the following points:

- The Shaker cemetery is one of the few in the country and has historical importance.
- This request would fund phase 2 of the tree removal work
- The trees surrounding the cemetery are in poor condition and could damage graves if they fall
- The Commission will continue to monitor the situation to identify dangerous trees in the future
- Paul Willard has written a letter of support on behalf of the Conservation Commission
- Three bids were received from Flagg, Acorn and Arbor Solutions
- The grant request contains \$3,500 in contingency funds

Deb R suggested that someone should consult with Lorraine Leonard re the prevailing wage law.

Jim Lee presented a grant request of \$120,000 on behalf of the Harvard Park Association for resurfacing and restoring the McCurdy track. He made the following points:

- The track is 10 years old and resurfacing is usually done from 8 to 12 years
- There are currently signs of surface wear
- There is a danger of water damage from areas at the edge of the track
- The track is used by all ages and is a community resource
- The newly formed Harvard Park Trust is doing fundraising to support restoration costs

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.