

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2013
Room 201 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present: Nathan Maltinsky, Chair
 Catherine MacInnes, Vice Chair
 John Northgraves, Treasurer
 David Baker
 Wendy Barry
 Anne Rich

Members absent: Donald Hendon
 Raymond Normandin
 Pamela Rheaume-Mustard

Also present: Kris Fogarty, 36 Forest Rd.
 Meg Wilkes, Historical Commission

**Informal Discussion – Continuation of Discussion held on February 7th, 2013
Multi-purpose Basketball Court**

Kris Fogarty – Recreation Department

Ms. Fogarty stated that the Recreation Department is seeking funding for an outdoor multi-purpose court and/or basketball court renovation. There is only one outdoor recreational basketball court in Town located next to the tennis courts, she said, and the Recreation Department receives numerous requests/inquiries for updates to that court.

Ms. Fogarty presented two sketches and information on two options –

- (1) Construction of two new basketball courts (“Double Basketball Court” option), or
- (2) Construction of a single new court (“Multi-Purpose Court” option), which could possibly be frozen in the winter for hockey use.

Ms. Fogarty presented quotes for the work on both options. Issues that were raised during the discussion were:

- The committee requested better specs for lighting of the proposed courts
- Whether or not trees could / should be removed, given that their root systems might damage the court[s] in future years
- Would a retaining wall be needed?
- Could resurfacing of the existing basketball court be included in the project?

The committee’s consensus was that a site visit would be desirable; however no date was set for a visit during the discussion.

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Informal Discussion

Rehabilitation of the Ellice School

Meg Wilkes – Historical Commission

Ms. Wilkes spoke on efforts that are being made by the Historical Commission on a project to rehabilitate the Ellice School, located on Pleasant Street. Ms. Wilkes noted that the Ellice School is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Commission has looked into the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, for a Phase One study. This grant would fund an assessment by a Historic Restoration Specialist. These grants are issued on a matching funds basis. This means that Millis would have to go on record as having appropriated funds for Phase One of the project before the grant would be considered. The Millis Historical Commission intends to request that the CPC appropriate the funds needed to obtain the matching grant.

Several issues were raised during the discussion. Among these issues were the following:

- What other sources of matching funds could be utilized by the Historical Commission?
- Besides the Mass. Historical Commission, what other grants could be pursued?
- What is the current condition of the building – factors such as:
 - Condition of the basement stairs
 - Degree of insect damage
 - Inventory of the Ellis School’s contents
- How much would the rehabilitated building be used?
- Would landscaping have to be done adjacent to the school?
- Would there be any issues with abutters regarding deeds?

The CPC agreed that a site visit would be very desirable before committing to this project.

Other Business:

ARTICLE 44:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, or reserve a sum of money from the **Community Preservation Fund**, for the Historic Resources Reserve, the Community Housing Reserve, the Open Space Reserve, or the Budgeted Reserve, from annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and/or other expenses in fiscal year 2014, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or act in any manner relating thereto:

On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Northgraves, it was voted unanimously to approve the following transfers of CPC Funds for FY2014, as follows:

Appropriations:

From 2014 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$6,534.00

Reserves:

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 13,250.00

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 13,250.00

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 13,250.00

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$ _____

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On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Barry, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013, as written.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Rich, and voted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Northgraves
Treasurer