



Town of Southwick
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Community Preservation Committee
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Minutes

October 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Bob Horacek, Chairman
Chris Pratt, Vice Chair
David Gunn
Karen DeMaio
John Whalley III
Joanne Horacek
Maria Seddon
Sue Fox

ABSENT: David Sutton

Mr. Horacek officially opened the Business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Horack and seconded by Mrs. Fox to accept the October 4th minutes as amended.
(Vote- For- 7, Abstain- 1- Mr. Whalley)

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Gunn, to Table the March 29, 2018 minutes because Mr. Sutton wasn't present to make a quorum. The motion was passed with one abstention.

Mr. Horacek stated that the committee needs to rename the Treasurer position to possibly Budget Coordinator or Financial Advisor.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Whalley and seconded by Mr. Gunn to rename the Treasurer position to Budget Coordinator.
(Vote- Unanimous)

Mr. Horacek wanted to discuss the unpaid Consultant position held by Mr. Clark.

Discussion:

- Mr. Whalley stated that Mr. Clark works well as a liaison, coordinating with other State organizations and has a great relationship with all of those individuals.
- Mr. Gunn stated that Mr. Clark is a wealth of information with his activities throughout the town.
- Mr. Whalley also stated that Mr. Clark is a point man for passing the CPA in town and that is how he got to know all of these people.

- The committee needs to inform the Select Board of Mr. Clark's position and to include him on all the emails.

Mr. Horacek stated the Committee needed to vote on a Vice Chair position, since the last meeting was not a full committee.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Gunn, to Table the Vice Chair position because it would be a tie again. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horacek stated that he would like to have legal personnel to accompany another meeting to explain the wording on future Agenda's.

Discussion:

- Mr. Pratt wants to better understand the new wording that was added to the last Agenda and Mr. Horacek agreed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Whalley and seconded by Mrs. Fox, to table the discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Being no further business to be brought before the Committee, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Whalley and seconded by Mrs. Fox at 6:55 p.m. (Vote: Unanimous.)

Mr. Horacek officially opened the Open Forum at 7:00 p.m. and the CPC committee members introduced themselves. Mr. Horacek opened for discussion, to update the following On-going projects:

Discussion:

- Mr. Whalley informed the committee about the lights that are being installed at Whalley Park. Mr. Whalley offered the contractors his lift to save them from having to rent which would save a lot of money. The project should be completed within 2 business days.
- Mrs. Horacek stated that the Housing Authority is waiting for the money which was approved by the Town for water damage repairs. They will be starting work on the project around the first of November.
- Mr. Gunn stated the Moore house roof replacement was approved earlier this year. The Historical Commission has currently received preliminary bids. The Historical Commission will be getting final bids and the work will commence shortly after.

Mr. Horacek opened for discussion the following Pending projects:

Discussion:

- Mr. Horacek inquired if the McLaughlin Agricultural Preservation Restriction was completed. Mr. Clark stated that the project has been approved by the state and is in its final stages.
- Rich Hubbard, Director of the Franklin Land Trust, talked about the fund raising process for the Conserve North Pond project. They played drone footage of the beauty of North Pond. They felt the strong need to conserve the land to protect the town's water supply and to preserve the open space.
- Many residents stood up to be heard in favor of the project and support to raise more money, so it would not be lost.

Mr. Horacek opened for discussion the following Future possible projects:

Discussion:

- Mr. Fox came forward from Davis Road to discuss two projects that would go under Historical restoration:
 - Save the Old Library- A project to be done over a 3 year period.
 - Maintain veteran's graves- Estimate of \$10-\$15,000/year to complete the restoration. Mr. Whalley stated that there should be enough money to take care of this project. Mrs. Horacek noted that she knows a contractor who does this kind of work.
 - Mr. Gunn stated that he will talk to Mr. Theroux and have him submit a proposal to the Historical Commission for the cemetery.
- Mr. Fox of Davis Road, also wanted to promote construction of a new playscape at the Powder Mill School, which is now a school for younger students. They don't have a playscape that is age appropriate or handicap accessible.
- Mr. Fox of Davis Road, also wanted to promote the dredging of South Pond. From a historical point of view, it would help with the quality of our lakes and drinking water. Mr. Grannels couldn't attend, but we were told that he is withdrawing the request for money, because he has approval from the state to get funds for the dredging process and design.
- Mr. Heap, of 21 Ed Holcomb Road, came forward to discuss how portions of the Southwick Rail Trail are being encroached by roots and is becoming unsafe to use the trail. Mr. Whalley stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee has talked about this issue at their last meeting. The problem is, that the project requires small equipment and is more difficult to find a contractor. But Mr. Whalley wanted to assure the public that the Park & Recreation Committee is aware of the problem and is working on it.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Seddon for the next meeting to be held on January 31, 2019 at 6:30 in the Land Use room, and was seconded by Mrs. Fox. (Vote: Unanimous)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fox and seconded by Mrs. DeMaio to adjourn the Open Forum at 8:00 p.m.. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary - CPC

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