



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CIC)

Town of Medway
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Minutes: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Name	Title	
Mark Cerel	Chairman, Citizen at Large	Present
Tom Emero	Citizen at Large	Present
David Travalini	Member, Conservation Committee	Present
Daniel Hooper	Citizen at Large	Present
Gene Liscombe	Member, Historical Commission	Absent
Deborah Rossi	Member, Park Commissioners	Present
Tina Wright	Member, Open Space Committee	Present
Ellen Hillery	Finance Committee Liaison (non-voting)	Present
Jack Wolfe	Member, Affordable Housing	Absent
Matthew Hayes	Member, Planning and Economic Development Board	Absent

Also Present: Michael Boynton (zoom host)

Call to Order

Chair Cerel opened the virtual meeting after 7:30 pm and performed a roll call for attendance.

Approval of Sept. 12, 2022 Minutes

Chair Cerel reviewed the 9/12/22 draft minutes and offered a few changes.

Tina Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Seconded by Debi Rossi; Roll Call Vote: DT: aye, MH: aye, DH: aye, DR: aye, TW: aye, TE: aye, MC: aye (7-0)

Discussion/Vote: Funding Lights at High School Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts

Chair Cerel introduced the topic in preparation for Fall Town Meeting.

Town Manager, Michael Boynton summarized the proposal in that a group of residents approached the SB to light the new pickleball courts because they are so popular (\$48,000). He asked DPW Director, Pete Pelletier, for an estimate on what the entire complex (including tennis courts) would be, as a matter of efficiency in running the conduit (\$240,000). Mr. Boynton noted that the Finance Committee suggested the process go through the Capital Planning Process and

not as a standalone article on the warrant. There are still considerations about whether to do the smaller versus expanded project.

Dan Hooper noted that the tennis courts used to be light and Julie Harrington noted that there are two operable tennis court lights but do not extend beyond the second court through to the pickleball courts.

David Travelini asked who would pay for the electricity. Mr. Boynton said that it would likely be passed on to the Town unless the school team played matches at night. He also inquired about the net zero goals.

The options are:

- \$48,000 pickleball lighting
- \$190,000 non-competition lighting
- \$240,000 competition lighting

It is the CPC's choice on their recommendation of the options.

Tina Wright was concerned about the noise but noted the pickleball courts are over 400' from the nearest house and supported recreational use.

Debi Rossi felt the whole project should be done for efficiency.

Matt Hayes agrees that it should be all or nothing and asked if the schools opined on the competition versus non-competition lights.

David Travelini suggested it's a large amount of money and the popularity of the sport may not last.

Dan Hooper felt that the use of pickleball was worth the \$48,000 investment and the tennis program has been fine for the 20 years that he's used them.

Julie Harrington discussed the recent programming and future leagues. She has borrowed lights from the soccer clubs but it's not a viable long-term solution.

Tina Wright didn't think it was the best use of money (cost/benefit) the right use of the funds / is it worth the funds; she hasn't had enough time to think deeply about it.

Tom Emero is leaning towards the \$48,000 option.

Mr. Boynton said there is a concurrent Select Board meeting going on and he needs to report back to them.

Chair Cerel suggested just running the conduit but not installing the rest of the lights until a later date.

Tina Wright asked if the Town could delay the request to the spring town meeting. Mr. Boynton said it was a timing issue to have the lighting for the spring/summer. Mr. Cerel suggested funding the pickleball now and deal with the expansion at the Annual. David Travalini agreed with Tina Wright regarding delaying the vote to think through the options.

Straw Poll

- MH: Delay to Annual Town Meeting
- DT: Not in favor at all
- DR: Delay to Annual Town Meeting
- DH: Delay to Annual Town Meeting
- TW: Delay to Annual Town Meeting
- TE: Supports the \$48,000 option

Chair Cerel noted there is no support for a positive motion so he won't put the expenditure to a vote. He further clarified that CPC funds would not be able to be used for the proposal because there was no positive CPC vote.

Matt Hayes made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Dan Hooper; Roll Call Vote: DT: aye, MH: aye, DH: aye, DR: aye, TW: aye, TE: aye, MC: aye (7-0)