

Town of Medway
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee
April 4, 2022 - 7:30PM
Remote via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Mark Cerel, Tina Wright, Matt Hayes, Debi Rossi, Ellen Hillery, David Travalini, Dan Hooper, and Tom Emero

Committee Members Absent: Eugene Liscombe and Jackie Johnson

Community Members Present: Almont Green, Sheila Dubrawski, and Jeanne Johnson

1. **Call to Order:** At 7:34PM, Mr. Cerel called the meeting to order and declared the discussion open. He confirmed the presence of the following people - Cerel: present, Emero: present, Wright: present, Rossi: present, Hayes: present, Travalini: present, Hooper: present, Hillery: present.

2. **Discussion and vote on ATM CPC Omnibus Budget Warrant Article**

- a. **Approp. from Historic Resource reserve for digitizing Medway History treatise**

Ms. Johnson addressed this matter, noting that the Historical Commission advocates for the appropriation of \$10,000 for this project.

The committee members also clarified that two hard copies will be given to the town, two copies will be given to the library, and hard copies will be available for community members to order.

The committee members agreed on their support of this project.

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion and vote to recommend appropriation/approval to voters at ATM \$10,000 from the Historic Reserve to fund this project. Mr. Travalini seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Emero: aye, Wright: aye, Rossi: aye, Hayes: aye, Hooper: aye, Travalini: aye, Cerel: aye. VOTE: 7-0.

- b. **Approp. from Open Space and Rec. reserve for trail improvement work**

Mr. Cerel noted that the committee had initially estimated \$5,000 for trail work. However, he shared that the Select Board is committed to putting \$10,000 towards this project.

Ms. Wright suggested that the committee still consider putting \$5,000 towards this project. She underscored the existing need for improved signage, surveying of water access, and improvements to the Oakland trail.

VOTE: Mr. Hooper offered a motion and vote to recommend appropriation/approval to voters at ATM \$5,000 from Open Space and Recreation to upgrade and/or extend trails. Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Emero: aye, Wright: aye, Rossi: aye, Hayes:

aye, Hooper: aye, Travalini: aye, Cerel: aye. VOTE: 7-0.

c. Other appropriations?

Mr. Cerel noted that other appropriations include funding administrative expenses, such as having a night board secretary.

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion to appropriate the same amount for administrative expenses as last year. Ms. Wright seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Emero: aye, Wright: aye, Rossi: aye, Hayes: aye, Hooper: aye, Travalini: aye, Cerel: aye. VOTE: 7-0.

3. Discussion, re: Jacob Ide House rehab. and re-use

Mr. Cerel shared that the Select Board is interested in meeting with the committee regarding the future of the Ide House. He also clarified that the committee has received a needs summary from an historical consultant regarding this project.

Mr. Travalini agreed, noting the extensive work outlined in the aforementioned needs summary, as well as the potential for insect damage. He suggested receiving further direction from the Select Board regarding their intentions for the usage of this property.

Ms. Dubrawski noted that five years ago, the original plan for this property was to operate it as a local historic museum. She also discussed her concerns regarding the need for an educational component in town, which this could provide. Moreover, she discussed how other towns have gone about this and offered to do further research on the matter.

Mr. Cerel noted that this project is still in its preliminary stages, as there are many significant factors to be addressed before formally presenting this; he noted structural design, insect damage, and fire and safety code issues as areas of particular note.

Ms. Dubrawski inquired if there are plans to create multipurpose recreation areas behind the Ide House; Mr. Cerel clarified that this was peripherally discussed at the last meeting, but there are no concrete plans. Mr. Hooper added to this, reiterating the importance of all involved boards and committees presenting their ultimate plan together and presenting a unified front.

Mr. Travalini expressed concerns about proving to the community that this project is worth the investment. He also noted underlying costs, such as climate control to conserve the artwork.

Ms. Wright noted that this ultimately might not be under the purview of the committee; she shared that the committee might be involved in terms of funding, but ultimately should outsource to another group.

Mr. Cerel suggesting continuing to coordinate the initial stages of this project and offered to plan a meeting with the Select Board at an appropriate time.

4. Approve 3/7/22 Minutes

VOTE: Ms. Rossi motioned to accept the 3/7/22 minutes. Mr. Hayes seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Emero: aye, Wright: aye, Rossi: aye, Hayes: aye, Hooper: aye, Travalini: aye, Cerel: aye. VOTE: 7-0.

5. Other Business

Mr. Cerel asked the committee members their preference on Zoom or in-person meetings; the committee agreed to continue meeting virtually.

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:51PM, Mr. Travalini motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Emero: aye, Wright: aye, Rossi: aye, Hayes: aye, Hooper: aye, Travalini: aye, Cerel: aye. VOTE: 7-0.