



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CIC)

Town of Medway
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Minutes: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

| Name | Title | |
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| 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 | Present |
| 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 | Present |

Also Present: Barbara Saint Andre (zoom host)

Chair Cerel opened the virtual meeting at 7:05 pm and performed a roll call for attendance.

Chair Cerel opened the public hearing as noticed in the Milford News to discuss proposals for utilizing the Town's Community Preservation Act Funds in the following areas: Acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; Acquisition and preservation of historical resources; Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use; Creation, preservation and support of community housing; Rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historical land and recreational use, and community housing that is acquired or created. Medway citizens interested in these areas and/or who have specific ideas as to how the Town should expend its Community Preservation Act funds are urged to participate. Residents of specific neighborhoods who have proposals in any of the above-mentioned areas for improving the quality of life in their particular neighborhoods are also urged to participate.

Discussion topics:

- Lovering / Winthrop corner park – might be an opportunity for nearby multi-family development but no parking; Acquisition method should be researched

- Ide House
 - Town Manager to solicit estimates;
 - Parks has an office there as well as the Historical Society (with tours)
 - Possible This Old House project
 - Needs to be structurally stabilized, interior rehab, roof; what is the eventual use?
 - Costs (public construction, materials costs, expertise)
 - Safety (structural, lead paint, asbestos)
- Chair Cerel reported that the Affordable Housing Trust will be seeking funding for salary
- Debi Rossi noted that the space behind the Ide House is being contemplated for Parks use for a multipurpose sports court but activity there is paused due to possible neighborhood pushback.
- Lighting at High School (pickleball/tennis courts) – alternate funding source for just pickleball courts
- Observation Platform for ADA-accessible trail near High School
- Chair Cerel received a query from Bridget Graziano regarding the land at the Community Farm’ possibly for trail connections to Chicken Brook
- Tina Wright Community Farm Norfolk County Engineering is doing the engineering but deed research (\$1,600) and wetland boundary work (\$2,800) need to be performed. Ideas are a multipurpose community building and an orchard.
 - Chair Cerel noted that a gold standard title search when the property was acquired by the town
 - Discussion of whether farming use was ongoing
 - Wetlands boundary, stream, flood plains, and vernal pool
 - David Travalini suggested that a plan was prepared previously but Tina Wright noted the vernal pool; Chair Cerel indicated that there could have been changes
- Amphitheater conversations with the condo association (between Sanford Mill and the Amphitheater) about a possible easement connecting to Town Hall; a survey is required

Other Business Preliminary Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Omnibus Budget
Approval to Pay Bills – Community Preservation Coalition Dues

Chair Cerel summarized the funding advocacy that the Community Preservation Coalition performs.

Matt Hayes made a motion to approve the Community Preservation Coalition Dues of \$3,500; Seconded by Debi Rossi; Roll Call Vote: DT: aye, DR: aye, MH: aye, DH: aye, TE: aye, MC: aye (6-0)

At 7:50 pm, Chair Cerel closed the public hearing.

Debi Rossi made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm; Seconded by Matt Hayes; Roll Call Vote: DT: aye, DR: aye, MH: aye, DH: aye, TE: aye, TW: aye, MC: aye (7-0)