

# Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

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Minutes of January 29, 2019

Present: Linda Glenn, William Harbison, Ron Manseau, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, Sheri Knight, Don Holland and Steven Weiss.

Absent: John Bresnahan

Guests: None \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Approval of minutes from January 23, 2019 CPC Meeting:** Minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. **Report from the Chairman:** Chairman Weiss apologized for having to leave the 1/23/19 Meeting early. There was a family emergency. Objective for this meeting is to further review and vote on as many of the applications as possible. The deadline for our votes is 2/25/19.
3. **Discussion of Wolf Swamp Fields Project** Arlene Miller gave a recap of last week's discussions on this project. Bill Harbison said we should only be looking at projects that otherwise would not be funded via the Town. Members felt both that our involvement this year in the project would show our continued support for the project and help with a potential override and that our support would have no bearing on the outcome of a potential override on this project.
4. **Review of, and Voting on Applications:**
  - Longmeadow Pre-1901 structures: 2019-8: Chairman Weiss restated the importance to of this project to the Demolition Committee. Arlene Miller put forth a motion to approve the request for \$10,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund. Seconded by Linda Glenn. Motion passed 8-0.
  - Storrs House Museum Screen and Batten Doors: 2019-9: Members again questioned whether or not new doors qualified as preservation. Steve Weiss motioned to approve the grant request for \$5,460 from the Historic Fund. Linda Glenn seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1. Jeff Rintoul voted against.
  - Home Modification Fund: 2019-7: No discussion. Great project. Arlene Miller put forth a motion to approve the Project for \$125,000 from the Community Housing Fund. Seconded by Jeff Rintoul. Motion passed 8-0.

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- Storrs Library Roof Replacement: 2019-10: No new information to discuss. Arlene Miller put forth a motion to approve the project for \$27,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund. Seconded by Linda Glenn. Motion passed 8-0.
- Turner Park Softball Field Improvement: 2019-2: The CPA does not support the purchase of equipment. Eligible items could be funded for \$33,000. Jeff Rintoul put forth a motion to approve \$33,000 from the Open Space Fund. Seconded by Linda Glenn. Motion passed 8-0.
- Trees in Bliss and Laurel Parks Phase III: 2019-5: Linda Glenn - we should approve the request as written, this project while outside of the park will enhance the park. Arlene Miller put forth a motion that we approve the project for \$14,000 from the Open Space Fund. Motion passed 8-0.
- Blueberry Hill School Playground Equipment Replacement: 2019-12: Discussed the possibility of funding the swings for 50K. No bids were presented for just the swings. A lot of money for just swings. Third on the DPWs priority list of Applications. Arlene Miller put forth a motion to approve the request as written and Linda Glenn seconded. The motion failed 0-8.
- Longmeadow Montessori International Roof Project: 2019-3: Chairman Weiss reviewed the 3 Point Test of the Caplan v. Town of Action case as written by Hemenway and Barnes. Members did not feel that the project passed the test. Members discussed the possibility of the approval of this Request leading to the Town being sued as Acton was. Applicant stated in prior Meeting that the repair of the roof would come out of the Church's General Fund if not approved by the CPC. Ron Manseau put forth a motion to approve the Request as written. Arlene Miller Seconded the motion. Motion Failed 0-8.
- Landscape Master Plan for Bliss and Laurel Parks: 2019-4: Discussion - the Park is important for the citizens that utilize it and all of our Parks are important for property values. This project will emphasize the historic value of this park. The Applicant is a prior recipient of Grant from the CPC - all work has been completed and 1/4ly reports filled. If the Conway School does not accept the project, the funds will be returned. Arlene Miller put forth a motion to approve the Request for \$12,000 out of the Open Space Fund. Jeff Rintoul seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Bliss Park Playground Resurfacing: 2019-11: As per Jeff Rintoul, the Park and Recreation Dept. will be spending 50K in the Park on Drainage solutions and an ADA approved walkway. No funding provided for the resurfacing of the playground area. This funding will complete the project as presented to the CPC. This project addresses a younger population than the other Requests. Linda Glenn put forth a motion that the project be approved as written for \$109,000 out of the Undesignated Fund. Seconded by Arlene Miller. Motion passed 8-0.

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- Russell Field Erosion Project: 2019-1: Not all aspects of the Application can be permitted under the CPA. Application includes a budget for private contractors - project would not be completed by DPW. Agreement by the Board that a contingency should be included. Jeff Rintoul put forth a motion to approve \$90,000 from the Undesignated Fund. Seconded by Linda Glenn. Motion Approved 8-0.
- Wolf Swamp Fields Irrigation Project: 2019-6: Entire Committee agreed to continue to support the project while hoping that a collaborative effort comes forward from other Town Boards and Committees. Jeff Rintoul put forth a motion to approve \$100,000 for this Application from the Undesignated Fund. Seconded by Linda Glenn. Motion passed 8-0.

Members reviewed the total amount granted and the specific Funds each grant would come from. All agreed that the Funding will leave us with a comfortable buffer in the Undesignated Fund.

**4. New Business:** There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sheri Knight