

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wayland Community Preservation Committee December 20, 2017

CPC Member Attendees: Gretchen Schuler, Chairman, Woody Baston, Maureen Cavanaugh, Ira Montague (left early), Elisa Scola, Heidi Seaborg, John Sullivan (arrived late), Susan Weinstein. These members represented a quorum of the Committee.

Other Attendees: Margery Baston, Sally Cartwright

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment: Margery Baston inquired about the status of work on the Mellen Law Office that was approved at 2015 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Gretchen Schuler reports that work is expected to commence in Spring 2018.

Minutes: Minor edits in the minutes from the November 8, 2017 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting were made. Susan Weinstein made a motion for the minutes to be approved, as amended. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The minutes were approved (7-0-0).

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Applications – 2018 Annual Town Meeting Requests

Gretchen Schuler reviewed the status of the CPA funds and set-aside amounts, to provide context for consideration of CPA applications requesting funds to be presented at 2018 ATM.

- a) **Wayland Free Public Library Rotunda Windows** – Sally Cartwright, representing the Wayland Free Public Library Board of Library Trustees presented a proposal to preserve and restore the three rounded windows in the library rotunda. Elisa Scola reports that the Wayland Historical Commission (WHC) supports the project. The CPC supports the project but recommends the Trustees seek input from Wayland Public Buildings Director Ben Keefe to confirm the cost estimate is reasonable. If the amount increases before the January CPC meeting, the Trustees will adjust the requested amount.

Maureen Cavanaugh made a motion to recommend up to \$30,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund for repair of the library windows. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The motion was approved (7-0-0).

- b) **Wayland Depot Repairs** – The Town of Wayland is proposing exterior preservation and electrical upgrades to the Wayland Depot. Gretchen Schuler confirmed electrical work is a valid CPA expenditure. The CPC discussed that exterior replacement materials should be in-kind. Some concern was expressed regarding the need to install a telephone pole adjacent to the Depot, within the railroad right-of-way. It was agreed that design review would be addressed by the Wayland Historic District Commission.

Maureen Cavanaugh made a motion to recommend up to \$70,000 for the Wayland Depot repairs from the Historic Preservation Fund. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The motion was approved (7-0-0).

[John Scola arrived at the meeting.]

- c) **Dudley Woods Trail Archaeological Monitor** – The Dudley Woods Trail is being constructed in an archaeologically sensitive area. The WHC is requesting \$15,000 for an archaeological monitor during construction. If the Massachusetts Historical Commission requests an intensive survey, the budget could increase up to \$25,000.

Susan Weinstein made a motion to recommend up to \$25,000 for an archaeological monitor for the Dudley Woods Trail construction from the Historic Preservation Fund. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8-0-0).

- d) **Canoe and Kayak Launch** – The Conservation Commission is requesting \$75,000 to construct a canoe and kayak launch at 246 Stonebridge Road. Acquisition of the parcel was approved for CPA funding at 2015 ATM.

Maureen Cavanaugh made a motion to recommend up to \$75,000 for a canoe and kayak launch from the Uncommitted Fund. Woody Baston seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8-0-0).

- e) **Weston Aqueduct Pedestrian Crossings** – The Conservation Commission is requesting \$98,000 to fund three pedestrian road crosswalks connecting Weston Aqueduct walking trails for passive recreation purposes. The Conservation Commission voted not to support using CPA funds for the project. The Department of Public Works (DPW) supports the project but does not plan to fund it. CPC discussed at its November 2017 meeting and the sense of the meeting was that the CPC would support it.

Heidi Seaborg made a motion to recommend up to \$98,000 for Weston Aqueduct Pedestrian Crossings from the Uncommitted Fund. Susan Weinstein seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8-0-0).

[Ira Montague left the meeting.]

- f) **Wayland High School Athletic Facility and Field Improvements – Part 2:** The Wayland School Committee proposes reconfiguring the Wayland High School athletic fields to include swapping the tennis courts and softball field to accommodate more public use of the tennis courts and upgrading the basketball and volleyball courts. This is “Part 2” of a larger athletic field rehabilitation project, much of which is not eligible for CPA funds. The School Committee is requesting \$1.96M to partially fund Part 2 of the plan from the Uncommitted Fund. The CPC discussed that \$500,000 must be retained in the Uncommitted Fund. Given the other projects requesting CPA funds at 2018 ATM, that would leave approximately \$300,000-\$350,000 that CPC could recommend approving. The CPC agreed to hold off on taking a vote, but the sense of the meeting in support of recommending funding the project was 4-1-2.

Request for Administrative Funds

- a) **North Cemetery Road Expansion** – The cemetery road is being expanded. WHC is requesting up to \$5,000 in Administrative Funds for an archaeological monitor during construction.

Susan Weinstein made a motion for to recommend up to \$5,000 from the Administrative Fund for an archeological monitor during construction of the North Cemetery Roads expansion project. Elisa Scola seconded the motion. The motion was approved (7-0-0).

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: January 10, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Cavanaugh