

## Community Preservation Committee

Call to order at 7:32

Members: Al Hanson, Rita Farrell, Michael DiChiara, Linda Scott, Elaine Puleo

Public: Phillip Parker Penny Jaques in attendance

Application for CPC funding – we review and make the formal vote on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the public hearing. We will review tonight and go through the checklist of the criteria:

- a. Financially and administratively feasible -yes
- b. Require immediate attention - no
- c. Serve a currently under-served population. -no
- d. Serve multiple community needs and populations. -yes
- e. Help with the preservation of town owned assets. -no
- f. Involve the acquisition of threatened resources -no
- g. Have other sources of funding and a payment schedule. -yes
- h. Promote the use of local contractors when possible. -possible
- i. Have a means of support for maintenance and upkeep. -possible
- j. Have community support. -To be addressed
- k. Provide a positive impact to the community. -yes
- l. Have support from Shutesbury town board(s) or committee(s).

All committees did not receive email notification of this application – was also sent to Open Space and Rec Committees – will be sent again.

Question about the ConCom and their response. Penny Jaques responded that they will be hiring someone to evaluate the trails, move trail is necessary and interconnect the trails if needed/possible. ConCom would like to accomplish this before mountain bike trails are developed. Wetland identification would happen over the summer. Rerouting trails around wetlands and potential new trails close to the wetlands.

If we think this proposal is reasonable, we could ask that this proposal not start until after the consultant has completed the process of evaluation and completion of walking trails.

Penny asked if the Conservation Commission knows where the trails are. Phillip responded that 0.8 miles of trails have been potentially mapped out – this would be phase 1. The commission has not been able to evaluate this due to snow cover.

Michael: trail construction has to be approved by ConCom or roll this into the ConCom proposal – this would be a subcontract to their proposal. Linda: this would require a totally new application. It doesn't make sense to meld two applications and the Commission hasn't been involved in this application. Condition our approval on all of this happening and then we would write the grant agreement that would be contingent on the requirements of the ConCom issue. We don't have the ConCom on board and they don't have a meeting before the March

4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Previously the town required that there is a town committee that continues to monitor manage and oversee the project (Elliot Park as example).

Linda: the application requires that the applicant has control over the site. Don't want to set a precedent to getting around this contingency related to the ConCom

We meet next week 6:30 on March 4, 2021.

Clarification requested from Phillip –can this not be approved unless ConCom gives permission. The answer is yes, this cannot be approved without that.

It will be discussed on the 4<sup>th</sup> unless Phillip withdraws it. We can review this application first.

Vote to Adjourn ; Michael Second: Elaine. At 8:28PM