

Meeting Minutes Ashland Community Preservation Committee

Date: Tuesday June 4, 2019

Location: Ashland Town Hall Basement, Meeting Room A & B

In attendance: Joe Rupertone, Aaron Ladd, Gretchen Bravacos, Cathy Van Lancker, Amy Sayed, Donna Saul

Absent: Devin Cashman, Eric Gemperline

Guests: Michael Jones, Rob St. Germain, Brian Forestal, Cathy Rooney, Rick Hampson, Marty Ring

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mr. Ladd

Review previous meeting Minutes

The April minutes were deferred. Will review the April and June minutes at the July meeting.

Discuss any potential projects for warrant article consideration - none

Update on Stone Park, Town Forest and Valentine Estate Project

Stone Park The project is complete- will follow up re: expenses.

Valentine Estate Minor update is that an RFP has been submitted for architects.

Town Forest Members of the Town Forest Committee were in attendance to provide the update.

Grant #1 -6/12/17 - \$3500

Projects have been supplemented by 3 Eagle Scout projects. The original plan was for a foot bridge, however, the town has requested that the bridge be able to accommodate emergency vehicles. \$1475.00 remains

Grant #2 – 11/11/2017= \$26956

- Bulk of the project is on Oak Street and awaits a conservation restriction. The Sudbury Valley Trustees are readying the package of documents to submit to the BOS for signature.
- The siting of the shed is to be determined.
- Work needs to be approved by the Conservation Committee.
- The Oregon Rd parking lot was completed at 1/5th the expected cost (local businesses provided significant discounts and older materials were repurposed).

A motion was made that the sunset date for Grant #1 for expenditures for trail improvements be set for June 30, 2020 by Dr. Bravacos and seconded by Ms. Van Lancker. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The request from the Town Forest Committee for Grant #2 to change the shed expenditures to \$20,000, in order to improve the vandalism resistance, and to set the sunset date to 12/31/2021.

The Town Forest Committee will further refine the costs and location of the shed. CPC will review the grant agreement and town meeting warrant language and determine if the changes need to be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Town Forest Committee discussed some of the future potential needs, which include land acquisition, preservation of the stone building, deer exclosures, interpretive trails. The use of CPC funds under the limitations of such uses was discussed.

New Business:

Upper Charles Rail Trail

The trail is almost 30 miles through 5 towns. The Ashland component includes a trail that crosses the town and has a loop in the downtown area. The town purchase of the Rail Transit District provides an opportunity to begin work on the trail. An application for a grant for engineering through Mass Trails has been submitted. Will anticipate a request for Fall Town Meeting.

Next Meeting

Due to the July 4th holiday week, the July meeting of the CPC will be rescheduled for July 16th @ 7:30pm.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Dr. Bravacos, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36. 6-0-0