

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, February 22, 2005
Public Works Department

Members Present: Mark Kablack, Tara Reed, Carole Wolfe, Steve Swanger, Dick Bell, Sheila Stewart, Chris Morely (7:45 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. and Mark Kablack provided an overview of issues discussed at the previous meeting as well as some concerns and developments that had arisen since the last CPC meeting. Specifically the recap covered:

- Issues discussed regarding funding Willis Pond study at this time given that a new committee on ponds and waterways is being developed,
- Concern about funding a study of Davis,
- Lower matching funds from the State based on feedback from both M. Kablack and C. Morely who attended CPA seminar, and, notably
- Results of the bidding process for Cutting coming in higher than expected or budgeted. Low bid was approximately \$205,000 higher than expected project cost. Park and Recreation has approached CPC to see whether and to what extent the CPC can help to fund the shortfall.

Chris Morley specifically reviewed his concerns that a study of Davis may be premature with overall budget pressures on the townspeople and town and in light of possible reductions in matching funds starting sooner than CPC had hoped and projected.

Mark Kablack noted that we should make sure that Cutting fields are done and done well before embarking on another similar project.

There was general discussion about potential funding sources for the Cutting shortfall. In addition to discussion of CPC funds the Committee had slated for other Recreation projects, the Committee discussed non-CPC sources and expected levels of funding from each. Generally the members present felt that CPC funding should not be the only significant funding source and user groups should be looked to for funding as well as other alternative funding sources.

Mark Kablack described that the Committee could seek to have a Special Town Meeting within the regular Town Meeting. The CPC members preferred that we work to resolve the issue promptly so that we can avoid the need for a Special Town Meeting as those can be confusing and create the impression of a problematic issue for CPC which is not the case. The CPC discussed options for funding, limits on funding and preferences for approach to funding.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously voted to approve funding for up to \$80,250 as partial funding of the Cutting field shortfall, to be made available on a matching funds basis at the rate of one dollar from CPC funds for every one dollar from other sources needed to complete the project and contingent upon the following conditions:

- that the project be completed in accordance with the design previously reviewed and supported by the CPC,
- that any significant deviations from the previously specified design be subject to further CPC review and approval;
- that Park and Recreation provide evidence that sufficient funds are available from funds other than CPC to ensure the above conditions will be met.

Vote 7-0 Unanimous

Upon a motion made and seconded, the committee unanimously voted to withdraw recommendations for funding the Willis Pond Study and Davis Field Study.

Vote 7-0 Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.