



Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Chair Sherrill Cline, Vice Chair Kirsten Roopenian, Jan Costa, David Henkels, Mara Huston, Lynne Remington, Jennifer Roberts, and Colin Wang

Members Absent: John Hincks

Others Present: Director of Planning and Community Development Adam Duchesneau and Community Preservation Coordinator Ryan Poteat

At 7:04 PM, Ms. Cline called the meeting to order.

Ms. Cline opened the meeting asking whether there were additional questions the Community Preservation Committee had after reviewing the responses received to questions posed at their October 24th meeting. The Community Preservation Committee then reviewed the applications from those who had submitted additional information.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail CSX Extension to Route 20

Mr. Henkels inquired about funding sources outside Community Preservation Act funds. Mr. Duchesneau explained the complexity of funding sources and that this was being discussed by the Bruce Freeman Advisory Task Force. There is consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of going through the MassDOT Transportation Improvement Program as opposed to funding the construction of the quarter mile locally using Community Preservation Act and other funds. These discussions are basically balancing the time involved in proceeding with the state process versus the expense of proceeding locally.

Ms. Cline asked about the expiration date of the funding from the existing Massachusetts Trails Grant. Mr. Duchesneau explained that the \$240,000 grant is an 80% matching grant, meaning that Sudbury had to expend the \$300,000 received in the FY23 allocation before the end of June, 2023 to receive the funds. The plan is to meet that goal, then use the \$240,000 plus the funds currently sought to continue the design and construction process. He did not anticipate that this will be sufficient to complete the construction. He did anticipate that Sudbury will apply for another Mass Trails Grant, but they are not awarded until after Town Meeting. The consultants are still in the data gathering phase and have not completed the design of the trail. Mr. Duchesneau confirmed that Community Preservation Act funds which are not used will be reverted.

Broadacres Community Garden

Ms. Roopenian and Mr. Henkels stated that the applicant should meet with the Conservation Commission before the public hearing to determine which permits will be required and whether the Conservation Commission supports this project. Ms. Roopenian also would like to know who will be responsible for the installation of utilities. There were questions regarding several other assumptions made in the

application including the location of the parking. Ms. Cline would like to know who would be managing the funds should this project be completed. If the town manages the funds, what town entity would do this. Ms. Costa wanted more information about what features would make this attractive to the public including whether there would be fencing and walkways between the plots. Ms. Roberts suggested the applicant get more input from the Town.

Frank Feeley Field Park Improvements Phase II

Ms. Huston explained that this was the planned Phase II of the Feeley Field improvements. All the design work was funded by the application approved in May, 2021. She spoke to the importance of this project explaining the reasons why the activities cannot be moved to Davis Field. She also spoke about the inequity between funding of men's and woman's sports as this field is the home of the majority of female sports in town. Ms. Cline asked for clarity in the cost increase for Phase II since the application submitted 2 years ago. Ms. Cline also stated she would like to know the status of the improvements funded in Phase 1 and the ramifications should this project be put off for another year.

Ms. Roopenian and Mr. Henkels had questions regarding permitting and approvals from the Conservation Commission because the project was close to wetlands and in the flood zone, and the Planning Board if there are storm water management issues involved. Ms. Huston agreed that these issues should be resolved as part of the design process.

Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V

The questions previously asked about cost and number of locations were answered. The request is for \$12,000 to survey 24 buildings in 4 areas. Ms. Cline inquired about the specific locations. She also asked why the Historical Commission did not ask for more Community Preservation Act funds to meet the minimum for a matching state grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission; she pointed out they could do more work for roughly the same amount of Community Preservation Act funds.

Hop Brook Watershed Based Plan

There were no further questions at this time.

Hosmer House Cultural Landscape, Building, and Collections Study

Ms. Roopenian asked whether there were overlap with the Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study or the Historic Resource Inventory Survey.

Housing Trust Allocation

Ms. Cline asked for an update from the Cambridge Housing Authority regarding the feasibility of developing housing on the Nobscot property as she assumed that the majority of the Housing Trust's ask was in anticipation of proceeding with this project. Mr. Duchesneau stated that there was no update at this time. Mr. Henkels asked if there was an update from Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program regarding the feasibility of building on this land. Mr. Duchesneau stated that there was no update at this time. Ms. Roberts requested an itemization for how the Housing Trust planned to use the funds.

Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study

Several members stated that they may have questions but needed the public hearing before they would be able to solidify their questions.

Ms. Cline suggested adding December 21 to the public hearing schedule due to the large number of applications. She suggested creating a schedule for the public hearings. After discussion the following schedule was decided:

November 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- Housing Trust Allocation
- Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study
- Regional Housing Services Office Membership Fee
- Bruce Freeman Rail Trail CSX Extension to Route 20

December 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- SudburyTV Video Digitization and Archival Project
- Hop Brook Watershed Based Plan
- Broadacres Community Garden
- Frank Feeley Field Park Improvements Phase II

December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- Hosmer House Cultural Landscape, Building, and Collections Study
- Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V
- Accessible Pathways to Athletic Fields
- Curtis Outdoor Health & Wellness Space
- Fence & Lights for Fairbank Multisport Court

Mr. Duchesneau made a recommendation to the committee that meetings presentations should generally be between 5 and 7 minutes, but no longer than 10 minutes.

Community Preservation Act Annual Project Reports

Ms. Cline presented the Annual Project Reports received and listed the projects which still needed a report submitted. Currently there will be a \$604.49 reversion for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail 25% Design Plan, a \$4,960 reversion for Historic Preservation Plan and a \$25,059.40 reversion for Playground Modernization for Sudbury Public Schools. The total amount to be reverted thus far is \$30,623.89.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 24, 2022

There were no minutes presented at this meeting

Administrative Report

Mr. Duchesneau announced that the Select Board had selected three candidates for the new Town Manager.

Ms. Roopenian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Henkels.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Cline – Aye, Ms. Roopenian – Aye, Ms. Costa – Aye, Mr. Henkels – Aye,
Ms. Huston – Aye, Ms. Roberts – Aye, Ms. Remington – Aye, and Mr. Wang – Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.