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Community Preservation Committee

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MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Members Absent: None

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

At 7:03 PM, Ms. Cline called the meeting to order.

Ms. Cline opened the meeting with an announcement that this was the third and final of three (3) public hearings pursuant MGL Chapter 44B, Section 5(b)(1) to consider FY24 applications for funding through the Community Preservation Act among the three categories of Open Space & Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing projects. She also announced that there would be five presentations at this public hearing and after each there would be an opportunity for public comments and questions. Ms. Cline noted the applications to be presented would be the Hosmer House Historic Structure, Cultural Landscape, and Collection Study, Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V, Accessible Pathways to Athletic Fields, Curtis Outdoor Health & Wellness Space, Fence & Lights for Fairbank Multisport Court.

At this time Ms. Remington joined the meeting.

Public Hearing for Applications Submitted for May 2023 Annual Town Meeting

Hosmer House Historic Structure, Cultural Landscape, and Collection Study

Historical Commission Chair Chris Hagger presented the application for the Hosmer House Historic Structure, Cultural Landscape, and Collection Study. Mr. Hagger gave a brief history of the building and why it was an asset to the town. He further explained that the preservation of the building, the requested study as well as the preservation/study of the contents is necessary. Hosmer House is town owned and deteriorating. The request is for \$110,000 for the structural and cultural assessments with an additional \$20,000 for the collection study. Mr. Hagger stated the structure and cultural analyses may be eligible for a Massachusetts Historical Commission grant but that the collection study was not.

Mr. Hincks asked about the importance of the timing of the project, if it were necessary to fund the project this year and what the cost drivers were. Mr. Hagger stated the building had recently been opened for the first time in several years and that the public interest was overwhelming; because of this the Historical Commission has made this project a priority. The costs are being driven by the amount of work

needed and that this is a public building and it needs to be ADA compliant and that specialists are needed to study preserving a house of this importance.

Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V

Historical Commission member Kathryn McGrath presented the Historic Resource Inventory Surveys Phase V project application. Ms. McGrath explained that historic resources cannot be preserved when the inventory is unknown or when details are missing. The Historical Commission is requesting \$23,000 to survey approximately 40 buildings.

Mr. Hincks inquired into who had access to the first four phases of the Historic Resource Inventory Surveys. Ms. McGrath and Mr. Hagger both stated the information generated from the previous studies were public and available to all interested parties on the Sudbury Historical Commission website as well as the Massachusetts Historical Commission website.

Accessible Pathways to Athletic Fields

Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran presented the application for Accessible Pathways to Athletic Fields. Ms. Duran stated the project was to bring equitable access to users of the public grounds and Town building. Many of the Town parks do not have ADA compliant pathways. The request is for \$187,745 to modernize the pathways at Davis Field, the Department of Public Works Offices and Garage, Featherland Park, Grinnell Park, Haskell Field, Heritage Park, Ti-Sales Field, and Willis Lake Access and bring them into ADA compliance. State funding was denied for these projects so the request is being made to the Town for Community Preservation Act funds to support the project.

Ms. Roberts inquired whether or not the project could be broken into phases and how that would impact the economy of scale. Ms. Duran stated this was an option and would not detrimentally impact the project. Mr. Hincks asked if it would make more sense to move things such as a bench instead of building pathways to the existing equipment. Ms. Duran stated this was and is being considered. Ms. Cline asked if each project in this request had been prioritized based on need. Ms. Duran stated that they were.

Kay Bell of 348 Old Lancaster Road opined that this project could/should be staged. She inquired if there were planned widths for the pathways. Ms. Duran stated the plan was for 6-foot paths but that was dependent on the area and feasibility at the individual sites. Ms. Huston asked if the Department of Public Works could do any of this work. Ms. Duran explained this was a matter of resources and may not be realistic.

Curtis Outdoor Health & Wellness Space

Sudbury Public Schools Superintendent Brad Crozier, Director of Student Services Stephanie Juriansz, and Ms. Duran presented the application for *Curtis Outdoor Health & Wellness Space*. Mr. Crozier stated that the project was meant to improve the health and wellbeing of all students in the town. Ms. Juriansz made a presentation illustrating the mental and emotional health of youth in Sudbury, how that has declined due to COVID, and how this project aims to help correct this. Ms. Duran presented the physical scope of the project which includes a playground, picnic tables and other social and recreational equipment.

Fence & Lights for Fairbank Multisport Court

Ms. Duran presented the application for the Fence & Lights for Fairbank Multisport Court. The project provides safety and security for the new basketball court and pickleball courts. The original request was for \$200,000 but because of state appropriation of \$100,000 for this project the request is being reduced to \$100,000.

Mr. Hincks expressed concern about the height of the ten-foot fence. Ms. Huston expressed the Park and Recreation Commission's support for this project. Ms. Roopenian inquired about the lighting being dark-sky compliant. Ms. Duran stated it would be.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2022

Ms. Roopenian made a motion to accept the minutes from November 16, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Huston. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Cline – Aye, Ms. Roopenian – Aye, Ms. Costa – Aye, Mr. Henkels – Aye, Mr. Hincks – Aye, Ms. Huston – Aye, Ms. Remington – Aye, Ms. Roberts – Aye, and Mr. Wang – Aye.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2022

Ms. Roopenian made a motion to accept the minutes from December 7, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Hincks. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Cline – Aye, Ms. Roopenian – Aye, Ms. Costa – Aye, Mr. Henkels – Aye, Mr. Hincks – Aye, Ms. Huston – Aye, Ms. Remington – Aye, Ms. Roberts – Aye, and Mr. Wang – Aye.

Future Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – Start Votes on Applications
- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – Final Votes and Begin Warrant Articles
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – Finish Warrant Articles

Administrative Report

Mr. Duchesneau spoke about a question previous asked on whether a warrant article could be changed on the floor at the Town Meeting. He stated he was looking into this, would consult with town counsel and bring the information back to the Community Preservation Committee.

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, Mr. Hincks – Aye, Ms. Huston – Aye, Ms. Remington – Aye, Ms. Roberts – Aye, and Mr. Wang – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.