

Town of Plympton Community Preservation Committee Minutes

October 23, 2018

Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at: 7:00 p.m.

Members In attendance: Chairman Mark Russo, Deb Anderson, Irv Butler, Nancy Butler, David Chandler, Susan Ossoff, Jane Schulze

Nancy Butler joins the CPC representing the Council on Aging.

ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

Gazebo Project: Three or four bids were received for the work and the Historical Commission has forwarded their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. It is possible the work may begin this fall.

Historical Society Building: This is now renamed the "Old Town House." Contractors for the windows and painting work have been selected and the work has begun.

Two Brooks Preserve: The project was successfully bonded and the funds should be wired by Monday; the closing is scheduled within the next few weeks.

NEW PROJECTS

Two applications were received for possible funding by the October 15 deadline.

Mark Russo provided a handout that summarizes allowable uses of CPA funds.

Playground Project: This project is to build a new handicapped-accessible playground at the Dennett School. The project has been submitted by the Plympton School Committee and the request is for \$132,000 in CPA funds with a total project cost of \$264,000.

Irving Butler asked how much CPA funding is available. Mark Russo said by the 2019 Annual Town Meeting there will be approximately \$161,000 in undesignated funds, \$98,000 in the Housing reserve and \$21,000 in the Historic reserve. There are no Open Space funds available after the purchase of Two Brooks Preserve.

Susan Ossoff expressed concerns with the location of the project and the age of the existing septic system at the school adjacent to the playground and suggested a septic

engineer be consulted regarding how much space a new septic system might require since the existing system dates to the 1970's. Several members expressed concerns with the price for the new playground. Dave Chandler asked if the pricing is based on paying prevailing wage for the installation.

Mark Russo made a motion to invite the School Committee to the next CPC meeting to discuss the project for further consideration. The motion was seconded by Irv Butler and unanimously approved.

Pre-acquisition Fund Project: This request is to have a fund available to pursue future land protection projects should they arise. It is sponsored by the Open Space Committee and the request is for \$30,000.

Mark Russo said that the first time pre-acquisition funds were voted it was for Parsonage & Ring Roads, and that all the money has not been used. Nancy Butler asked what this was for, and Mark Russo said it was for possible land protection projects on Ring Road and Parsonage Road, both of which did not happen. CPC approved another pre-acquisition fund several years ago and this is the money that was used when the Two Brooks Preserve project became available. Susan Ossoff commented that it is important to have money available to be able to pursue land protection projects because they can occur at any time, and without those funds the Town has no ability to become involved.

Mark Russo made a motion to invite the Open Space Committee in to the next CPC meeting to discuss the project for further consideration. The motion was seconded by Jane Schulze and approved unanimously.

MINUTES: On a motion by Mark Russo, seconded by Deb Anderson, the minutes of August 23, 2018 were unanimously approved with minor edits.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 15th.

ADJOURN: Mark Russo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Deb Anderson and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Ossoff