

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 -- Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Peg Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers; Brendon Chetwynd; Lou Ann Cutaia; Ariel Hoover; Rick Lefferts; Doug Moore, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Dave Hull, Vice Chair

Also in attendance: Proponents of CPA Funding Proposals:

ARRT – Carolyn Britt

Alumni Field – Mark Masterson, Supt. of Schools

Coolidge School Study – Mark Masterson and Mary Brannelly,
Ann Pratt, School Committee Members.

Crowe Park – Joseph Loynd, David Mariani

The minutes from the December 12, 2007 CPC meeting were approved.
Peg will file the minutes in the COA office.

7:10 Questions for ARRT proposal – Carolyn Britt

Acton is the lead town for the project but there has been a snag in some of the design planning. Massachusetts has also not passed its Transportation Bond and therefore there is not a specific date when the CPA funds will be needed but the delay from the Transportation Bond will probably pace it into a good timeframe. The \$40,000 funding request is probably realistic since many of the parcels for which an easement are required are quite small and may not require much expense. There is also the potential of some other grant funding if the amount needed should exceed \$40,000. There is not a concern that excess funds might need to be reallocated since the actual expenses are paid as they are incurred. The possibility of “Share the Road” signs and a bicycle lane along Rt. 117 was mentioned.

7:30 Questions for Alumni Field proposal -- Mark Masterson

The school dept. is bringing in several contractors who all receive the same “scope of work” and the School Dept. will be relying on the expertise of these contractors. They will also get counsel on whether there might be a need to have someone with expertise supervise the construction

and the maintenance of the system. This expense and future maintenance would be included in the school budget.

It makes sense for this project to coordinate with the Crowe Park project in bids, supervision, maintenance, etc. The preference would be to combine the projects for the sake of issuing a combined RFP to maximize the benefits to both. The plan is for the irrigation of the field only and not major surrounding areas. However, if the RFP's come in under bid, it might make sense to expand the project slightly to include other areas.

It is also important to emphasize the potential damage and "loss" of the resource if the sprinkler system is not installed in order to be certain that the proposal falls within the statutory guidelines.

7:40 Questions for Coolidge School Study proposal -- Mark Masterson

There is no specific individual within the School Dept. who has expertise in grant writing. It is hoped that the company that does the final study will have this expertise and will be able to offer support for finding potential grants. It was also suggested that the School Committee work with the Historical Commission and other state historical grant agencies.

The question was asked about whether the School Committee would consider a historical preservation deed restriction on the building. This issue does not come into play at the Study point, but may apply in the future if repairs are deemed necessary.

8:30 Questions for Crowe Park proposal -- Joseph Loynd, David Mariani

It is important to provide evidence that the project is necessary to protect the property from "injury, harm, or destruction." It needs to be clear that the funds will not be used for maintenance or improvement.

Water usage is calculated based upon the number of heads and is designed and controlled so as not to exceed 50 gal./minute. The stainless steel heads assure that the sprinklers accurately direct the water so that it is efficiently used. Currently the Town supplies the water for the field. There would be minimal interruption of field use during the construction. The contractor did offer to install the system as long as the project was approved and he would date the bill after June 30th. The question was raised as to whether the "state published prevailing wage" would need to be paid since CPA funds would be used.

The Crowe Park proponents are very willing to work with Mark Masterson and the School Committee to provide for the most benefit for the Town.

8:45 Questions for Conservation Fund proposal

Research indicates that the Maynard Conservation Fund was established, at least as far back as 1979. The 1986 Town Meeting was the last time that monies were actually put into the Fund. The Fund currently has approximately \$79,000. There was a discussion about whether the Conservation Fund would need to have a separate sub-account to assure that the CPA funds were not used for maintenance. Peg and Doug will look into how other towns handle this issue.

Ariel, Rick and Jane were asked to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 8 in order to clarify the relationship between the at-large members of the CPC and the BOS. During the meeting, the BOS asked for clarification of the questions about their proposals that were sent to them prior to the review on Jan. 23.

There was also a discussion about how the CPC or the Town is able to accumulate relatively large amounts of money.

Rick suggested that we might, as a courtesy, send them a copy of the approved minutes and agendas of the meeting. Peg offered to email Jane a listing of their emails to facilitate this action.

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser spoke to Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition, who is rather hopeful that House Bill 137, which would amend the CPA to allow for improvements to recreational land not initially purchased with CPA funds will pass during the current legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS: 7:00pm, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008 and Wed. Feb. 13, 2008 at the Town Building Room 101. (Dave to post meeting notice.)