

**Town of Nahant Community
Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Lynne Spencer: Chair
Paul Spirn: Secretary**

Attendance: All Remote

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) members in attendance:

Lynne Spencer (LS), chair

Paul Spirn (PS)

Ellen Goldberg (EG)

Nancy Cantelmo (NC)

David Wilson (DW)

Absent:

James (Jimmy) Dolan (JD)

Austin Antrim (AA)

Lynne Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 5, 2024, via Zoom

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes:** Reviewed and approved meeting minutes for 11.20.23, 12.4.23, and 1.29.24. Paul will fill with Diane Dunfee, Town Clerk.
2. **Review and discussion of the scheduled applications:** Flash Road Recreation Masterplan; Splash at Flash; Little League Lighting. Boulder Scramble at Forest Garden, Johnson School was postponed.
3. **Flash Road Recreation Masterplan:** submitted by Town of Nahant, Tony Barletta. Highlights include:
 - Budget of \$31,000 which proposes to combine a prior grant for \$11,000 for the Heritage Trail planning and design recommendations with an additional \$20,000 for the master plan.
 - Listed as #2 of the Town of Nahant priorities for funding this round.
 - Tony pointed out that the need to address the Flash Road recreation area was noted as a high priority in the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan.
 - Tony noted that the Heritage Trail section through the Flash Road area has several issues that are best addressed in a comprehensive masterplan. Safety for all ages is a big concern, particularly given the vehicular drives and the DPW parking and equipment area.
 - A public process is seen as essential to the planning process.
 - The fee was derived from a proposal from Nesra, a firm which has previously consulted on the Little Nahant Playground.
 - The committee is concerned that the approach and fee does not adequately address the various issues at Flash Road and suggested that a firm with broad qualifications should be asked to provide a scope of services and fee for a truly comprehensive masterplan. Considerations include recreational zones, intersections with the golf course and Johnson School, the Fire Station and DPW zones, pedestrian and vehicular access, visitor parking, wetlands, hydrology and site drainage, impacts on neighbors, etc.
 - The discussion included reference to a previous recreation master plan produced about 10 years ago, funded by CPA, which may have some useful information, including maps and diagrams.
 - The Committee is also concerned that active participation by the Open Space and Recreation Committee is on board for this process. Trich Aldridge, chair of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, was in the audience and noted that she had not seen the application and hence was unable to comment, although was reluctant given other commitments to Lodge Park and Bailey's Hill.

- There is strong belief that this master plan is much needed for the benefit of all ages and recreational activities.

4. Splash at Flash:

- This is a substantial investment, estimated at \$300,000. While an interesting idea, it should be deferred pending the potential Flash Road Masterplan.

5. Little League Lighting:

- Dave Elmer, Nahant Little League baseball, joined the discussion with this \$100,000 application to install lighting at the main Little League field at Flash Road.
- The budget was derived from contractor and lighting supplier estimates.
- This field is part of a group of fields in Swampscott used by the various leagues. The Swampscott fields are illuminated. The concept of lighting for the Nahant field extends the playing time and season.
- Dave related that there are 72 children playing at 4 levels.
- There are 2 existing poles but four are needed.
- In addition to the Little League, the field is rented by the Swing Factory for the season.
- Discussion about matching funds lead to the offer of in-kind services for the pole footings design by Dave's firm plus cash match. Follow-up should include estimated in-kind services plus cash match.
- As this is town owned property, public procurement will be required in the bidding process.

6. Next meeting grant reviews for 2.12:

- Bailey's Hill, Phase 3
- Bailey's Hill gazebo
- Boulder Scramble at Forest Garden, Johnson School
- Heritage Trail at Goddard Drive

7. Next meeting: Monday, February 12, 7:00, virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm on 2.5.24

Respectfully submitted as approved at February 19, 2024 Meeting
By __Paul Spirn_____.