

**Town of Nahant Community
Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Lynne Spencer: Chair
Paul Spirn: Clerk**

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)

Austin Antrim (AA)

Absent:

James (Jimmy) Dolan (JD)

Lynne Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on Monday. March 11, 2024, via Zoom

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes:** Meeting minutes for 2.19 reviewed, corrected, moved by Nancy, seconded by Austin, and approved unanimously.
2. **Continuing consideration of the CPA grant applications in the order from the Summary spreadsheet.**
3. **Little League Lighting:**
 - Further information was provided by Tony Barletta regarding the grant request.
 - After further research and consultation, the projected budget for lighting is \$120,000.
 - The revised CPA grant request is \$75,000, to be matched by \$30,000 by the Little League with in-kind services in the value of \$5000 - \$15,000.
 - Due to the nature of this project, the work cannot be realistically phased.
 - Tony has estimated \$8000 – 10,000 annually for rental of the field to outside users, with the funds going into the Recreational Revolving Account. The sale of parking stickers also goes into this account.
 - Electricity usage will be passed on to renters.
 - VOTE: Motion by Austin, seconded by Dave, unanimous vote: To recommend grant of \$75,000 under the Open Space/Recreation category for the Little League lighting with match provided by the Little League along with in-kind services.
4. **Nahant Cyber:**
 - Further discussion on the eligibility of this proposal concluded that it was not eligible for CPA funding per the CPA allowable costs criteria.
 - Comments from the group that the concept was worthwhile, deserved further refinement in terms of scope, execution and audience. Several avenues for funding sources had previously been suggested along with encouragement to reach out to the Historical Society.
 - VOTE: Motion by Paul, second by Nancy, unanimous vote: After serious evaluation we find that Nahant Cyber does not meet CPA criteria for funding and therefore are not able to recommend CPA grant support.
5. **Bailey's Hill, Phase 3:**
 - Trish Aldridge, chair, Open Space & Recreation Committee, attended to clarify various points:

- This project focusses on the Fort Ruckman part of the Bailey's Hill reserve. This will continue the work started under the Phase I grant for \$41,000. FY2020-21.
- Phase 2 funding of \$25,000 FY2023 was for the South Slope of Bailey's Hill.
- Working with Parterre, a company specializing in recovery of natural areas by the removal of invasive species and the replanting with native species, this project is now requesting \$78,515, the first of a 3-year planned effort.
- This is seen as a model for other reclamation efforts such as the Lowlands.
- While there is concern for what appears to be a commitment for a 3 year project and the committee cannot guarantee future funding, there is appreciation for the environmental value of the project.
- VOTE: Motion by Austin, second by Dave, unanimous vote: To recommend a grant of \$78,515 for the reclamation of the Fort Ruckman portion of the Bailey's Hill reserve.

6. Bailey's Hill Gazebo:

- Tony indicated that the Town will withdraw the application, intending to reapply next year. In the meantime, minor repairs will be made by the DPW.

7. Beach Accessibility Project:

- Having discussed this further with the other applicant for Beach Accessibility, Josie Reis, Tony indicated that there was no actual match being provided (\$25,000 was 'hoped for').
- Tony now recommends a budget of \$50,000 for beach mats, accessible wheelchairs, and potentially the removable ramp for Tudor Beach access.
- A quick online search by Ellen Goldberg suggests that the Municipal Access grant program can allow for lake and seaside beach access. The Committee strongly encourages Tony to pursue his funding source. In the meantime –
- VOTE: Motion by Austin, second by Dave, unanimous vote: To recommend \$50,000 for the Beach Accessibility project with strong encouragement to seek other funding sources such as the Mass. Municipal Access grant program.

8. Boulder Scramble in Forest Playground:

- Vote: Motion by Dave, second by Nancy, unanimous vote: To recommend \$15,600 for the Boulder Scramble at the Forest Playground, Johnosn School.

9. Articles for Town Meeting:

- Paul noted that the Committee has recommended 7 articles.
- Each committee member is encouraged to choose a single article for drafting.

10. Next meeting:

- Due to a work commitment, the chair asked to reschedule the next meeting to Tuesday, March 19, 6:00, virtual.
- For the next meeting, Lynne requested Tony to review the spreadsheet provided by Alison and indicate which, if any, of the municipal grants could be 'clawed back' into the general fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm on 3.11.24

Respectfully submitted as approved at March 19, 2024 Meeting

By Paul Spirn.