

Town of Phillipston Community Preservation Committee

Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016

6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Attending: Mark Miville, Dick Hamel, Don Clifford, Rose Frizzell, Kevin Flynn and Bonnie House

Guests: Kim Pratt, Sarah Wells, Jaimee Briggs, Wayne Richard

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Kevin moved to accept the minutes from the Dec. 3rd meeting, and Don seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business: Wayne announced that the pre-bid conference for the Park will be at 10 a.m. on February 17th in Town Hall. Any interested bidders or engineers can discuss the scope of the project and have a site walk if possible at that time. A representative from Whitman and Bingham will be available to answer questions about the project. Mark may be able to attend as well. Opening of bids is scheduled on March 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. We need to spend the \$55,000 from the state grant by June 30th. This is tied in with other projects within the grant. Progress should be shown on the property. The money should be spent in time provided that we have bidders on the project.

New Business: Applications for 2016 grants

Coppolino - Schlicke - The Open Space Committee is requesting \$79,625 for the acquisition of the Coppolino - Schlicke property off of Highland Road which connects to Thousand Acre Swamp. The property abuts Town forest, and could be added to it. Sarah feels that since the property is 56 acres, it is not greatly competitive for a L.A.N.D. grant. She suggests that the Town purchase it outright and that Mount Grace hold a CR. This project falls under Open Space and Recreation. Don moved that we support the purchase of the Schlicke property for \$60,000, and \$19,625 for closing costs. Mark seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Park Playground - The application is for \$80,000 for playground equipment for the new community park. The footprint of the playground is to be 100' x 60'. There was discussion concerning fencing surrounding the playground. This is to be a separate line item on the proposed bid for the park. Suggested equipment will include a 75' Sky Run Zip Line, the Spider, Transit, Boulder and 6' boulder net. Mark would like to have the community volunteer to install the equipment with up to two days of supervision by CMJ Construction, a certified Game Time Installer. Don recommended that we approve \$80,000 for playground equipment for the new park. Kevin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen are requesting \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of a wheelchair lift in the Town Hall auditorium to provide access to the stage. This complements the pending Community Development Block Grant application for \$318,000 and \$17,000 of local funds for the installation of a three stop elevator in Town Hall which would provide full access to the second floor. The elevator would be installed in the present Selectmen's office which would be moved into the present meeting room on the first floor. This application is in keeping with preservation of Town Hall - bringing the second floor up to code and bringing it out of disuse. Once the building is up to code it will be eligible for other sources of funding from the Massachusetts Historic Preservation Fund for restoration of the space. Most of the needs for this would be cosmetic changes in lighting, the ceiling, etc. Mark moved to support the Town spending \$30,000 towards a lift for Town Hall in conjunction with a pending CDBG application. Don seconded. The vote was unanimous except for Kevin who abstained.

Kevin moved and Rose seconded to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.