

Town of Phillipston Community Preservation Committee

Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2015
6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex

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

Guests: Terry Dymek and Gerry Gariepy

Update: There has been no progress on the park. Wayne Richard is following up on the site design, but and the company has not presented a final design. Unfortunately, no deadline was established for one. Funds would be transferred to Parks and Recreation for payment for the design.

There are grants available for recreational trails construction. The application is due February 1st. Mark will look into this.

New Business: Repair/construction of the dam on Queen Lake. The Town owns the dam. A report is required every 5 years on the dam. Presently it is rated as fair. It is estimated that \$150,000 is needed to repair the dam.

Conceptual design - \$30,000

Blueprints of detailed design - \$50,000 - \$75,000

Construction repair

The dam is located at the northeast corner of the lake on Don Wilson's property. The Town holds a right of way on the property. The repair is necessary from present use of 2 x 4's on the spillway to a modern stainless steel sluice. The runoff goes under Barre Road to the great meadow, then to the Burnshirt River and eventually the Quabbin Reservoir. A sink hole is forming and water is coming in from the side of the dam. Presently the water can only be lowered to a limited level. By changing over to a sluice system the water level could be lowered enough to kill the weeds naturally with a freeze each winter, thus preventing the use of chemicals in the lake.

Does the dam fall under historic preservation or recreation? It was constructed in 1824 when a series of mill ponds were filled from Queen Lake. CPC funds may not be used for repair or maintenance. They may be used to rehabilitate. May we put funding towards property under an easement zoned recreational?

Coppolino property- Bonnie will ask Jay Rasku of Mount Grace Land Trust to apply for CPC funds this coming grant season to cover the Town's requirement to match L.A.N.D. grant funds. The amount would be based on a preliminary assessment of the property, and the funds would be contingent upon receipt of the L.A.N.D. grant by the Town.

Kevin moved to adjourn, and Don seconded at 7:23 p.m. The vote was unanimous.