

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
2/12/24, 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present: Mike Ammendolia, Dan Byer, Peter Denton, Michael Goddard, Barry Iadarola, Anne Mazar and Kathy Schofield. **Others Present:** Phil Cieply, Diane Howell and Ticia Low.

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with committee member introductions.

Kathy made a motion to accept the 12/11/23 minutes as written, Mike A. seconded the motion, with Dan, Kathy, Mike G. and Anne approving and Barry, Mike A. and Peter abstaining.

Phil Cieply, from the Council on Aging, gave a presentation on the proposed new senior/community center on the corner of North Ave and Route 16. Phil requested CPA funding for an ADA trail, 2 pickleball courts, one bocce court and two shuffleboard courts. The committee was in agreement that these would be good projects to fund. Phil will come to the next meeting with cost estimates. Dan said that Parks Committee has been looking for a location to install an ADA trail and this might be a good location. Anne will find out the cost to design an ADA trail, because it will require engineering. The plan would be to request the design funds at the ATM and then write a grant proposal in the fall to help fund a trail project in combination with CPA funds.

The disc golf course proposal was presented by Dan. After hearing the analysis, it was generally agreed that the Paddock property (73/75 Providence Street) would be the best property. Generally, the equipment would cost \$17,000 for 9 holes, \$25,000 for 18 holes and site preparation would be around \$2,000/acre. Ellen Agro will provide specific dollar amounts at the next meeting.

Barry expressed his concern that the Mendon Town Forest has too many trails. Anne agreed. She said that the other open space properties have limited loop trails which are excellent for public access, but keep the integrity of the wildlife habitat. Mike G. said the Mendon Town Forest takes the role of being used for mountain bikes as Paddock might be the parcel for disc golf.

Dan updated the committee on the Records Room and field lights. The Records Room RFP will go out soon and that the work needs to be completed by July 1st. The field lights work cannot start until July 1st. The town received the \$100,000 MA Small Town grant that will go towards the field lights project.

The \$175,000 MA Partnership Grant for the VanderSluis property preservation was also received.

Potential ATM warrant articles were discussed and they will be voted on at the next CPC meeting.

Peter, Phil, Diane and Ticia left the meeting.

Dan made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, Mike G. seconded the motion and it was approved by a roll call vote.

Barry made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Mike G. seconded the motion and it was approved by a roll call vote.

Barry made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM, Mike G. seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Mazar