

## MINUTES - Community Preservation Committee – January 16, 2020

Present: Danielle Arakelian, Sanda Barry, Barbara Carpenter, Susan Fox, Stephenie Frend,  
Kayla Larson-Dubois, Alice Livdahl, Susan Worth

Members of the public present: Paul Sweeney.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Sanda motioned to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019.  
Stephenie seconded.

Sanda moved to change the order of items on the agenda to allow Paul to present his application  
for funds first. Susan seconded and the agenda was rearranged.

Paul presented a proposal requesting CPA funds to repair/restore the fences around six cemeteries in  
town: Rural Glen, Brookside, Evergreen, Forest Hill, Lovewell and Pine Hill. The question arose as to  
whether such work is eligible for CPA funds under the historical section since the work is for the  
perimeter of the properties rather than an actual historical building. Danielle will contact CPA to  
determine if such work can be approved.

Sanda went over the financial status for 2020. Questions arose as to whether they were complete. The  
funds expended for the new library roof did not appear to have been paid. Some of the listed amounts  
also appeared to be incorrect. Sanda will check the figures for any corrections that need to be made to  
the numbers she was given by the town. Corrections will eventually have to be made anyway when we  
are informed by CPA as to the amount we will receive for 2020.

Alice reported that a 3-acre lot on Ragged Hill which reverted to the town for unpaid taxes will be put  
out to bid for the construction of affordable housing. The Planning Board is already working with  
Habitat for Humanity which is one organization currently interested in the property. CPC has already  
approved funds which could be utilized towards the project. Alice will keep us informed about progress  
here.

Updates on previously projects: the ice rink will be installed as soon as the weather allows as specific  
ground conditions are needed and plans are in place for the rehabilitation of the baseball field.

A new application for funding was presented by Sanda Barry for Parks and Recreation. The Rainbows  
End Playground needs extensive work. It is currently not handicapped accessible and much of the  
existing equipment is broken and/or deteriorating. The request is for \$200,000. There are grants out  
there which could help pay for some of the work and these will be investigated. Parks is producing their  
own design which will be used for bidding purposes and will see if DPW may be able to assist with taking  
down the old equipment and/or selling it for scrap which would reduce the final costs. Susan moved to  
approve this request and Stephenie seconded it. The committee voted to approve the request.

The committee has been reorganized. Sanda Barry is now chair, a new treasurer will be named and  
Susan Fox will remain as secretary.

Kayla moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM and Susan seconded. The next meeting will be  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM.