

**Bedford Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Thursday, January 10, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room**

CPC Members Present: Shawn Hanegan (Planning Board), Chair; Christina Wilgren (Bedford Housing Partnership), Vice-Chair; Margot Fleischman (Selectman, Park Commissioner); Don Corey (Historic Preservation Commission); Robin Steele (Recreation Commission) and Lauren Crews (Bedford Housing Authority)

Absent: Steven Hagan (Conservation Commission) and George Little (at-large member)

Also Present: Facilities Director Taissir Alani; Conservation Administrator Elizabeth Bagdonas; Town Engineer Adrienne St. John; Finance Committee member Paul Mortenson; Fawn Lake Committee members Bill Simons, John Zupkus, Linda Oustinow; Liz Cowles and Michael Barbehenn; Press Representative Elizabeth Hacala

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Approve Minutes of November 28, 2018

Mr. Corey moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018 as written. Ms. Crews seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-1. Ms. Steele abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

3. Community Preservation Committee Six Year Plan and Estimated Budget

Ms. Doyle reported that she added \$35,000 to the estimated debt payments in anticipation of the committee bonding the Fawn Lake Dredging and Dam Replacement project. Ms. Doyle also noted that the Bedford Housing Authority is asking for \$17,459 from FY2019 funds to cover expenses for the Life Management Program. Past funding for this project was based on a calendar year funding model which resulted in the need for \$17,459. The new request for FY2020 is now on the fiscal year model.

4. Review of Submitted Requests for FY2020

- a. **Affordable Housing Consultant (\$35,000)** This is the yearly request for funds to pay for the contract with the Regional Housing Services Office.
- b. **Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program (\$34,919)** Funding would continue the Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program which is a collaborative initiative between the Bedford Housing Authority and a social services provider to assist families and individuals who are currently living in Bedford Housing Authority units with obtaining access to various life management skills, job training and educational programs, and job referrals. Eligible participants are assigned a case manager who works with them on an assessment to

plan goals specific to their individual/family needs, and see them through completion of a program. The program includes measurable milestones, seeks to improve their quality of life, and potentially help them achieve a greater sense of independence.

- c. **Old Town Hall Renovation and Rehabilitation (\$452,000)** Mr. Corey submitted a project submission sheet for the Old Town Hall Renovations and Rehabilitation project totaling \$452,000 and suggested that it could be funded out of the Historic Properties Preservation Fund. This project is proposed with three different components. The first would be to renovate the Great Room on the third floor of Old Town Hall. The second component would be to provide a fully ADA accessible entry for the main entrance at Old Town Hall on South Road. The final component proposes renovating the first floor at Town Hall as the initial phase of establishing a Town Historical Museum.

Ms. Fleischman requested that a conceptual drawing of the proposed ADA accessible entry be created for the presentation at Town Meeting.

5. Review of Capital Requests

- a. **Lantern Lane Pedestrian Bridge (\$165,280)** The Lantern Lane Bridge Project was already vetted as it was originally grouped with the Washington Street Bridge Project. The projects were designed and permitted together. Ms. Fleischman asked for before and after pictures for the Town Meeting presentation.
- b. **Fawn Lake Dredging (\$1,800,000)** Conservation Administrator Elizabeth Bagdonas; Town Engineer Adrienne St. John and Fawn Lake Committee member Bill Simons gave a presentation about the proposed Fawn Lake Dredging and Dam Replacement project. The Fawn Lake Committee was charged with providing a recommendation on the best course of action to take in regards to Fawn Lake. The committee along with the consultants analyzed all the options and recommended that 60 percent of Fawn Lake be hydraulically dredged and that the dam on Springs Road be replaced. The main noise impact will be from the trucks carting away the dried sediment that will be removed as part of the dredging process. There will be a public meeting held in the near future to educate residents on the project. Ms. Fleischman thanked the Fawn Lake Committee, Town staff and consultants for all the work that went into this project.
- c. **Page Baseball Field Rehabilitation (\$138,364)** The purpose of this project is to perform repairs and improvements to the Page Field south baseball field, including the field, backstop, dugout, and safety fence. Ms. Steele asked when this would be started. Ms. St. John replied that it would probably be done sometime in July or August. Ms. Steele recommended reaching out to the Recreation Department and Babe Ruth Baseball to let them know about timing.

6. Review any additional submissions

Mr. Corey stated that he asked that 76 Loomis Street (VFW) be added to the Land Acquisition List. The committee does not need to vote on this but since the VFW is considered a historic property, CP Land Acquisition funds could be used to purchase it if the Town decided to buy the property.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Schedule next meeting

CPC will meet again for the CPC public hearing on January 24, 2019. The CPC budget will be presented to the Selectmen on February 4, 2019 and to the Finance Committee on February 7, 2019

Ms. Fleischman moved to adjourn. Ms. Crews seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Doyle
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as written on January 10, 2019
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