

Groveland Community Preservation Committee 2024 MAR 25 AM 10:07
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183 Main St, Groveland

Present: Mike Dempsey, Linda Friel, Ed Watson, Jason Naves, DJ McNulty, Kim Jackson, Alex Wood

Guests: Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator, project proponents as noted

Motion to open meeting at 6:30 pm by Jason, second by DJ, – Unanimous approval.

1. Membership for 2024 Season
Mike Dempsey – Conservation Commission (current CPC chair)
Ed Watson – Selectmen
Jason Naves – Recreation
Linda Friel – Historic Commission
DJ McNulty – Planning Board
Kim Jackson – Groveland Housing Authority
New member Alex Woods – Finance Board
2. Point of information, Ed noted that the vote for chair was not placed on the agenda. It should be on the next agenda.

3. Introduction of 2024 process

Mike described the process. We will hear from each proponent about your project and give you time to answer any questions the Committee may have. You may be asked to make changes or for more explanation which will be due on February 15 when we meet to vote on each proposal. Once approved by the CPC, you may be asked to make a short presentation to the Board of Selectmen in February and answer any questions at town meeting in April.

4. 2024 Proposal Reviews

A. Community Garden Design Phase – Jan Dempsey described the project and how it will be close to residents nearby with garden space at the Groveland Manor, the Pines and condos next to the Fire Station. The request is for \$4450 in the Recreation category.

Questions- Kim, Will there be a phase 2? Yes. DJ, Will it be open to Groveland residents only? No, open to everyone if funded by CPA. Ed,

Seems like a good location for nearby residents. Kim, Will you restrict pesticides? Yes.

No further information was requested

B. Washington Hall on National Registry – Claire Walsh described the project to list the building on the National Historic Registry to be able to access future grants. The request is for \$6,600 in the Historic Preservation category.

Questions – Kim, What restrictions will apply? To keep the building as a historic resource. DJ, Who pays to maintain it? It is maintained by the Groveland Historic Society. Mike, What are the advantages of being on the list? It will give the opportunity to apply for grants and bring recognition to the building.

No further information was requested.

C. Shade and Seating at the Pines – Rebeca Oldham described the project to add better seating and shade options for visitors to the Pines Recreation area. The request is for \$21,426 in the Recreation category.

Questions – Mike, In winter what happens? The shade portion can be taken down. DJ, Seems like a great solution for avoiding the hot sun with kids. Mike, How long will the shade material last? It has a 10–15-year life and the replacement cost today is \$500. Ed, Can we get a map of the Pines that shows the locations of new projects? Yes. What is the clearance? It is a single height.

A map will be brought before or during the next meeting.

D. Town Clerk Scan Documents – Elizabeth Cunniff described the project to scan several books and documents of town meeting records to make them accessible to all. The request is for \$ 29,718 in the Historic Preservation category.

Questions – Kim, Are there any other closer companies than New York? This company has done work in Mass. Do we have any insurance on the documents if lost? Copies will be kept. Have any other towns used this company? No answer.

A list of IT related questions was provided by Mike and answers will be brought before or during the next meeting.

E. Perry Park Design Phase – Stephanie Bartelt described the project to design improvements to Perry Park and keep it environmentally friendly. The request is for \$ 30,800 in the Recreation category.

Questions – Kim, Can we get a site map? Yes. Jason, Will a knot weed mitigation plan be produced? Yes. Alex, Any lower cost designers

available? This is one estimate. If the project is approved, it can go out for bids. Ed, What happened to the ball field? We don't know. How would bees be affected by pesticide use to kill knot weed? It is applied by hand in small amounts. What about church use of the park? They can continue to apply for permits and parking the grass may be limited. No further information was requested.

F. Pines Parking Enhancements – Rebecca Oldham described the project to add more parking for the Pines and take advantage of parking at Town Hall by adding an all-accessible ramp down to the Pines. The request is for \$523,110 in the Recreation category.

Questions – Mike, Can we get the number of current parking spots and the number that will exist after the project is done? Yes. Kim, Who will maintain it? The highway supervisor will be in charge and will also do some of the improvement work. Will there be any more EV charging spots? This will be pursued with Groveland Electric. Ed, Can we get a map and conceptual drawing? Yes. Will there be lighting? Yes.

A map and conceptual drawing were requested.

G. Shanahan Field Parking– Rebecca Oldham described the project to add more parking for Shanahan Field and improve the layout to avoid the need for cars to park on the sidewalk along Main Street. It is a safety issue. More details and a better design was created than last year's plan. The request is for \$886,800 in the Recreation category.

Questions – Kim, Have the property disputes at the abutting property been resolved? It has no impact on this design. Are there any EV spots? Will work with Groveland Electric. Wouldn't it be best to have a large design plan map for town meeting? Yes. Ed, He is opposed to the project because it is cutting down trees. He does not think parking is a problem there since there are only games on Saturday and Sunday. Mike, Couldn't we avoid removing as many trees as possible, perhaps moving some? Yes. DJ, It is very dangerous for children, and it happens more than just 10 weeks per year. Can we get bids on this one? Yes Ed, Shouldn't we have better lighting? Yes.

A large map and conceptual drawing were requested.

H. 114 Center St Purchase - Mike presented this project for the Conservation Commission to purchase a 17-acre parcel that would provide alternate access to 150 Center St parcel and potential housing site. The category is Open Space, and no definite funds were discussed yet.

Questions – Kim, How will maintenance of the building be paid for? This will be detailed in an update.

A written project update will be presented at the next meeting.

5. Project review to determine if they meet CPA requirements

The committee decided that all 8 proposals meet the CPA requirements for funding.

6. Financial Report

Mike reviewed the numbers and current status of what is available on the handout.

7. Minutes – November 1, 2023

A motion was made by AJ and seconded by Ed to approve the minutes.
Unanimous.

8. Next meeting – Thursday February 15, 2024, 6:30 pm

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 by Kim, second by DJ, unanimously approved.

Submitted By:



M Dempsey, Chair

Feb 12, 2024