**Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 12, 2024**

**Scituate Public Library**

**Attendance-** Dan Fennelly, Skyler Chick, Meg Stillman Penny Scott Pipes, Suzanne Brennan, Anne Burbine (absent, Karen Connelly, Michael Connor, Jill Caffrey, Jack Whittaker)

6:30 PM Meeting called to order by CPC chair Dan Fennelly

**Acceptance of Agenda**- Motion by Ms. Scott-Pipes to accept the agenda for February 12, 2024 meeting. Motion second by Ms. Brennan (6/0 in favor)

**Acceptance of Minutes-** Motion by Ms. Scott Pipes to accept the January 8, 2024 minutes. Motion second by Ms. Burbine (6/0 in favor)

**Discussion/ Update**- **Norwell CPC information** - Bob McMackin and Patrick Kelly

North and South River Salt Marsh Initiative. Recreation, greenways and bikeways. Mr. McMackin from Norwell CPC meets with abutting communities to discuss collaboration. Mr. McMackin will send along a questioner link to Scituate CPC Chair, Mr. Fennelly. Interested in an activities trail collaboration with Norwell and Scituate.

Mr. Fennelly discusses Scituate lack of planned maintenance, but it’s been challenging to get a plan to execute. Applications are reviewed two (2) times a year, in Fall and Spring. Mr. Fennelly expresses interest in collaborating on trail or North River project.

**Discussion/ Update-** Withdrawing Bates parking rescinding Item and inserting Crosby and Bates picnic area –

* 1. Add to Rescind List 25177922 O66 CROSBY & BAT $89,995.60 and
  2. Remove from Rescind List 25177917 O63-4 Parking Areas Access $29,928.12

The town Finance Director informed Scituate CPC that the CROSBY & BATES $89,995.60 is not an appropriate use of funds for the type of work that needs to be completed. Therefore, CPC is proposing rescinding the CROSBY & BATES $89,995.60 instead of the Parking Areas Access $29,928.12 amount which can be used.

Ms. Burbine makes motion to withdraw Bates parking rescinding item and inserting Crosby and Bates picnic area – motion second by Ms. Scott Pipes (6/0 in favor)

**Discussion/ Update-** **Scituate Salt Marsh Stewardship Initiative (SSMSI) – Joanne Wycoff**

Ms. Wycoff presents Scituate Salt Marsh Stewardship Initiative. 1600 acres of saltmarsh in Scituate. Ms. Wycoff has an interest in restoring Sandhills saltmarsh and CPC funding a study for the marsh. Typically, consultants, engineers would access deterioration. SSMI does not currently have 501 c3 setup.

Mr. Fennelly notes possible trouble qualifying for CPC funds. Instructs Ms. Wycoff contact Corey Miles from Scituate Coastal Advisory. Application for study and quotes would be submit prior to July 1st for Fall Town Meeting in October.

**Discussion/ Update-** New/Old Business Sunset acquisition. Ms. Mary Jenkins request to move forward. Lot 6 & 8 are clear.

**Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM by unanimous vote (6/0 in favor)

*Submitted by Andrea Gillis*

*Documents submitted (if referenced)- at Community Preservation Committee Website*