

CPC Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2020
Library Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Ann Burbine, Skyler Chick, Mike Connors, Tammy Durante, Dan Fennelly, Penny Scott Pipes, Doug Smith, Meg Stillman (*Absent: Suzanne Brennan*)

Additional Attendees: Jerrilyn Quinlan, Bob Quinlan, Don Litchfield, Bob Duffy, Jim Hart, Jill Vose

Acceptance of agenda – The agenda was accepted by unanimous vote

Discussion/Vote – Revised Application to Restore Town of Scituate 1924 Fire Truck - \$62,550

Ms. Quinlan reviewed the history of the Fire Truck as discussed in the initial hearing. The truck was purchased for \$4,000 and has a resale value of \$10,000 (prior to restoration). The total cost is now \$67,550, which includes \$5,000 in funding from the Historical Society.

Ms. Quinlan said they have worked to accommodate the Board's questions and concerns as follows:

- Space to House Fire Truck – The applicants spoke to Chief Murphy who is very enthusiastic about housing the truck at the Public Safety Facility. He is speaking to the Board of Selectmen on March 10th to get approval. It was noted that the Fire Department will assume ownership of the truck. (*Note: the request was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen at the March 10th meeting.*)
- Restoration Project Cost-Cutting – They have cut costs by doing a “frame on” restoration as opposed to the original “frame off” request. Complete disassembly and reassembly has been eliminated for a savings of \$65,000.
- Itemized Cost-Cutting Measures–
 - Lettering and pin striping of fire truck: \$3,000 (no gold leaf)
 - Paint undercarriage and complete fire truck: \$20,000
 - Pull motor, rebuild/overhaul, paint, re-install, tune: \$9,500
 - Rebuild/Repair magneto, carburetor, radiator (leaks): \$8,000
 - Purchase and install new wiring harness: \$2,500
 - Replace muffler and tailpipe: \$350
 - Resurface clutch surfaces and brake material: \$1,200
 - Add rear brake light: \$300
 - Re-chrome headlight buckets: \$400
 - Rebuild/replace starter, lights, gauges, fuel lines: \$2,500
 - Rebuild vacuum booster for the brakes: \$300
 - Repair and re-plating of original nickel work: \$6,000
 - Repair driver side front fender and hood: \$700
 - Re-upholster rolled/pleated driver seat: \$2,000
 - Drain/flush/replace transmission and differential oils and replace rear seals: \$700
 - Check/replace U-Joints: \$600
 - Purchase and/or restore all firefighting tools and accessories: ladders, siren, bell, extinguishers, hoses, axes, pike poles, etc.: \$3,500
 - Potential or unexpected additional expenses: \$6,000

- Decreased Restoration Funding Request–The original request of \$135,000 for CPC funds has been reduced to \$62,550.
- Value after Restoration – Ms. Quinlan reviewed the value to the Town once restored, including its unique historical significance and many uses, such as parades, Heritage Days, Fireman’s Sunday, Touch a Truck, etc.
- Future Maintenance Costs– The applicants have formed an organization called SAFER (Scituate Antique Fire Engine Restoration) to do fundraising, social media outreach, etc. They plan to open the membership to the public. Mr. Fennelly suggested making it a 5013C and offered to help them through the process. All donations will then be tax deductible.

Mr. Smith said that the difference between the cost to restore and the appraisal cost may generate questions or concerns at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Chick voiced his appreciation for their efforts to reduce the costs, which he considers more manageable.

Ms. Scott Pipes asked how long the restoration will take. Ms. Quinlan said they don’t really know because they are using local people to do the work, but added that she hopes it will be a year.

Ms. Burbine suggested that, once the title is with the Town, they ask Nancy Holt to set up a maintenance fund that will manage donations and expenses on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Fennelly also expressed his appreciation to the applicants for all their efforts. He noted that, while the application is too late for the spring Annual Town Meeting, it may be eligible for the fall Special Town Meeting. Once the applicants have the final answers on storage, they can come back a final time and the Board will vote.

It was suggested that, if CPC approves the project, they bring the truck to the STM.

Review/Discussion/Vote New Applications 2021:Country Way Trail Phase II - \$575,000

Mr. Hart reviewed the history of this project, which is summarized in previous minutes. He has a petition signed by 99 people who support the project. There are eight streets and cul-de-sacs with a lot of children who will use the sidewalk. They only need to finish 3,000 ft.

Mr. Fennelly referred to the 2007 Sidewalk study on sidewalk gaps in Town which lists this area. This area is also mentioned in the 2018 Open Space and Recreational Plan. He reviewed the rules and recommendations for multi-use trails/paths with the Board, noting that complying with the new bike traffic rules would be problematic in this area. Mr. Fennelly noted that guidelines recommend a) width of 10-14 ft for bikes and pedestrians; 8 ft “may be acceptable” due to environmental, historical and structural considerations, b) there should be separation of trail from roadway, recommended at 5-7 ft, and c) bike traffic needs to be separated from highway either by separation or a physical barrier. Due to those restrictions and guidelines, it would be problematic for this project to satisfy the requirements.

Mr. Fennelly then reviewed the ruling in the Norwell lawsuit which claimed CPC money was being used to construct sidewalks along a highway and CPA does not authorize funds for highway improvements.

He shared the following DOR recommendations: “Ordinary municipal sidewalks along a street rather than within a recreational area or dedicated to a specific recreational use are not the types of capital improvements contemplated by the legislature for CPA spending.”

The ruling said that the trails are not set back from Main Street or meaningfully segregated to indicate that it would be more of a recreational trail rather than a functional sidewalk. The ruling considered that, in light of the \$3.3 sidewalk project, the pathway does not qualify as recreational use.

Mr. Fennelly said that he believes that was the key to losing the suit. He cautioned that the Country Way multi-use trail project is very similar and there is a risk in calling it a multi-use trail.

Ms. Burbine said that this project should be part of the Capital Plan. She also suggested that companies doing projects in Town should be asked to give some money to this project.

Mr. Fennelly agreed that the DPW should finish this project with money from the Capital Plan.

VOTE: Ms. Burbine made a MOTION to approve \$575,000 for the Country Way Trail Phase 2; Seconded by Ms. Scott Pipes; YES/0; NO/8; not approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Ms. Scott Pipes said the Mordecai Lincoln property appraisal came in at \$1.6-2M, which is significantly more than the \$900,000 asking price.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by

Mary Sprague

Documents submitted:

Revised Fire Truck application and supporting documents