

**-Community Preservation Meeting Minutes-**  
Monday August 21, 2023  
Scituate Public Library

In attendance: Dan Fennelly, Skyler Chick, Ann Burbine, Meg Stillman, Suzanne Brennan (*absent: Jill Caffrey, Mike Connor, Jack Whittaker*)

Additional attendees: Susannah Green, John Neagle, Bruce Waite

6:30 pm meeting called to order

Acceptance of Agenda – Motion by Ms. Burbine to accept the agenda for August 21, 2023; Second by Ms. Brennan; unanimous vote (5/0 in favor)

Acceptance of Minutes – Motion by Ms. Burbine to accept the July 10, 2023 minutes as presented; Second by Mr. Chick; unanimous vote (5/0 in favor)

**Recognition Mary Sprague's Retirement:**

On behalf of the Community Preservation Committee Board, Mr. Fennelly thanked Mary Sprague for her 9 years as the administrative assistant and for her dedication and hard work.

He Introduced Andrea Gillis as the new recording secretary to the board.

**Discussions/ Vote:**

Purple Dinosaur Playground Field Expansion – applicants were not in attendance. Mr. Fennelly noted that the field is challenging to due to conditions of slope and the applicants have decided to withdraw the request.

VOTE – A Motion was made by Ms. Burbine to withdraw application of the Purple Dinosaur Playground project, second by Ms. Brennan; unanimous vote (5/0).

**Discussions/ Vote:**

Pickle Ball Court Application - After considering at all the proposed alternatives, Mr. Neagle told the board that the Old Gates School location is the most feasible,

with regard to design, layout, cost, fencing, parking, etc., to convert 2 current tennis courts into 6-8 pickle ball courts

Mr. Neagle said that he has consulted with and collected data from other Massachusetts pickleball court communities to review costs. He recently met with Scituate Recreation's Nick Lombardo to review Old Gates current court conditions. Bruce Waite, a civil engineer and pickle ball player, offered to help with the design, etc. The board and Mr. Neagle agreed it was not necessary to proceed with the feasibility study.

Ms. Sprague advised Mr. Neagle that October 1st is the deadline to submit an application to be considered at the April Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE- A Motion was made by Ms. Burbine to withdraw the Pickle Ball Court application; second by Ms. Brennan; unanimous vote (5/0 in favor)

#### **New/Old Business:**

Mr. Fennelly reviewed the current Community Preservation Funds and noted that the State match might be \$500,000 this year.

Ms. Burbine raised concerns about the lack of affordable housing and mixed-use buildings in Scituate, and noted that the State has a 10% requirement. With the exception of the window replacements at Wheeler Park, money has not gone to Scituate Affordable housing in several years

Suzanna Green notified the CPC that she is meeting with the Recreation Department to discuss the Old Gates School track, which is in need of improvements. She added that there may be an application for the project in the future.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. by unanimous vote (5/0 in favor).

*Submitted by: Andrea Gillis*