

# Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: February 1, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Public Meeting-- Longmeadow High School Room A15

Approved as presented at the March 9, 2023 meeting

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## Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Minutes of February 1, 2023

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, Don Holland, Ron Manseau, Dave Marinelli, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, Steve Weiss

Absent: William Harbison,

Guests: Bianca Damiano, Administrative support for CPC  
Lyn Simmons – Town Manager  
Susie Golden  
Jennifer Arnold

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1. **Review and approval of minutes from the January 26, 2023 Meeting:** A motion was made by Linda Glenn and seconded by Don Holland to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) with a roll call vote. A motion was made by Don Holland and seconded by Jeff Rintoul to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2023 CPC Public Hearing as amended. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) with a roll call vote.
2. **Report from the Chair:** The chairman reported on the following:
  - a. Chairman Weiss reported that he had a conversation about the CPC applications with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Nora McKay.
  - b. Chairman Weiss offered an update regarding the search for a new CPC administrator. Because Bianca has offered to continue to serve in that capacity through the remainder of this application season, Mr. Weiss suggested that we hold off restarting the hiring search and plan to address the vacancy in a few months. Arlene Miller agreed to check with HR if there is a need to repost that position.
3. **Review and voting on this years applications:**
  - a. 2023-1: Residential Home Modification Fund, \$125,000 requested: This is the 5<sup>th</sup> request for this project. Members expressed the need for more detailed quarterly reports with more information about exactly where the money is being spent. Members also suggested that it would be advantageous if the Town's Housing Authority would provide a degree of administrative support to this worthwhile program. **A motion was made by Dave Marinelli and seconded by Linda Glenn to approve this project for \$125,000 from housing funds. The motion passed unanimously 8-0 by a roll call.**

John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-YES, Arlene

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Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.

b. 2023-2: ADA Playground Upgrades, \$1,948,000 requested: Don Holland noted that research of similar projects suggests that this proposal is pricey. Others noted their concern that the current playground equipment might have more use and that this proposal, while worthwhile, does not seem ready to go. **A motion was made by Dave Marinelli and seconded by John Bresnahan to approve the application for \$550,000 from recreation funds, to replace, repair or augment the 3 elementary school playgrounds in order to achieve ADA compliance. The motion passed unanimously 8-0 by a roll call vote.**

**John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-YES, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.**

c. 2023-3: Glenbrooke Field Improvement Project. \$95,000 requested. Discussion included three points. First members expressed disappointment that the applicant did not seek advise from the DPW Director. Secondly, there was unanimous support among members for having better ball fields for the kids. Lastly, several members voiced support for funding only the field improvement part of the application and leaving the various accessories for another day. **A motion was made by Don Holland and seconded by Linda Glenn to approve \$50,000 from recreation funds to be used for a limited scope of work on 4 Glenbrook Middle School baseball fields which includes re-edging baselines and the outfield radius, stripping grass and weeds from the entire infield area and leveling and adding red clay to the entire infield. The motion passed unanimously 8-0 by a roll call vote.**

**John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-YES, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.**

d. 2023-4: Public Trail Mapping and Condition Assessment. \$11,360 requested. **A motion was made by Dave Marinelli and seconded by Don Holland to approve the request of \$11,360 from recreation funds for this project.. The motion passed unanimously 8-0 by a roll call vote.**

**John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-YES, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.**

e. 2023-5: Storrs House Interior Storm Window Project. \$18,350 requested. **A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Ron Manseau to approve the request for \$18,350 from historic preservation funds for this project. The motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote.**

**John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-ABSTAINED, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.**

f. 2023-6. Storrs House Exterior Painting Project, \$18,530 requested. **A motion was made by Jeff**

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Rintoul and seconded by Linda Glenn to approve the request for \$18,530 from historic preservation funds. The motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote.

John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-ABSTAINED, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.

g. 2023-7: Wild American Chestnut Tree Awareness Project. \$1,955 requested. **A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Don Holland to approve the request for \$1,955 from open space and recreation funds. The motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote.**

John Bresnahan-YES, Linda Glenn-YES, Don Holland-YES, Ron Manseau-YES, Dave Marinelli-ABSTAINED, Arlene Miller-YES, Jeff Rintoul-YES, Steve Weiss-YES.

**5. Review of Progress Reports:** There were no reports available to review.

**6. New Business:** The Chair suggested that the committee meet in March to review the final revisions of the updated CPC Plan. March 9th at 7PM was agreed upon for the meeting. Mr. Weiss said the focus of that meeting would be to review the final draft of the Plan as well as the proposed attachments. Members requested a clean copy of the final draft to make the review easier. Dave Marinelli and Chairman Weiss agreed to collaborate on reformatting and distributing the final draft.

A motion was made by Jeff Rintoul and seconded by Linda Glenn to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Minutes taken by Arlene Miller