

## **Plymouth Community Preservation Committee draft 2**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

### **Observer Corps Report**

The PCC met at 6:20 PM at the Center for the Arts, 11 North Street.

In attendance: Bill Keohan – Chair, Joan Bartlett – Vice Chair, Allen Hemberger – Clerk, John Mahoney, Birgitta Kuehn and Russ Shirley. Absent were: Karen Buechs, Randy Parker and Mike Tubin.

Public Comment: Virginia Davis stated she was Observer Corps from the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters.

The minutes were reviewed and approved: 1/9/2023, 1/12/2023, 1/26/2023, 2/9/2023 and 2/23/2023.

The chair discussed the procedure for minutes: Civic Clerk is no longer being used. The minutes go directly to the Town Clerk and that office posts them.

The Chair gave reports and up-dates on the following three projects.

1. Birgitta Kuehn asked if the CPC was attending the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Select Board. Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, wants to discuss the demolition of buildings at Hedges Pond and Stephens Field. Bill K. said he plans to attend and with cost estimates for demolition of the cabins at Hedges Pond. He will also be discussing the Fisherman Shanties and Stephens Field. Birgitta made a motion to have the Chair present project updates to the Select Board. Russ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Update of 3/8/2023 meeting of the Historic Commission when it voted 5 to 2 not to put a demolition delay on the Stephens Field 1917 storage building. A discussion followed questioning if the Town can legally use CPC funds for demolition of this building versus using funds for restoration/preservation? Birgitta Kuehn suggested looking at the procurement laws. The Stephens Field Project goes out to bid in May and the contractors will not want the building there.
3. There followed another long discussion on the remaining fisherman shack located across from the entrance to Plymouth Beach, referred to as Bert's cove. The shack is on town property. The shacks had been moved from the dunes of the beach years ago. It was discussed whether or not the remaining shack should be restored. Could it be used for storage or as a historic information location? It is difficult to park beside as debris and sand have built up and the road is very busy. Birgitta felt it represents a part of our seafaring history. Birgitta made a motion to provide funds for a structural survey of the shanty to refurbish it, determine possible uses and possibly relocate. Seconded by Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates on the four articles passed at Fall Town Meeting 2022:

9A Darby Pond (Open Space) – purchase and sale agreement still being negotiated.

9B Spire Theater (Historic) –Waiting for a final bid.

9C Stephens Field Estuary – Still negotiating the agreement.

9D 1857 Plymouth Foundry/ Marina (Historic). Safe Harbor Marina begun to file special permits with the Planning Board. Invoice: \$4,200.00 for Jeff Metcalfe, Plymouth Architect for drawings and renderings for marina site, former foundry property at waterfront.

Motion: Russ Shirley moved that the Chair could modify the three dates for the planned Open Meetings with the Town Departments and the community. The motion passed unanimously.

The chair said the 3 public meetings will be held in the 1820 Court House, Town Hall.

The Little Red School House Committee had called Bill Keohan about replacing the old chain link fence.

Motion: Russ Shirley moved to use CPC Administrative Funds for a cost estimate for fencing at the Little Red School House. The motion passed unanimously.

Invoice: \$3000.00 for Realworth Appraisal (East Wareham) for bog property off Billington Street.

Note: The Community Preservation Committee Administrative account as of 3/13/2023 has \$113,772.60.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully reported,

Virginia Davis

LWV Plymouth Observer Corps