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Community Preservation Committee

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A regular meeting of the Peabody Community Preservation Committee was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:30 P.M. at the George Peabody House & Civic Center, 205 Washington Street, Peabody, MA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard St. Pierre
Mr. Darren Kelly
Mr. Andrew Metropolis
Mr. Ted Neary
Mr. Jonathan Turco
Mr. Michael Schulze
Mr. Jeff Shmase
Mr. Thomas Gould
Mr. Gerry Bellew
Mr. Stewart Lazares

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Edward Wodarski
Mr. Dave Gravel
Mr. Michael Rizzo
Mr. Peter McGinn
Mr. David Cronin
Ms. Joy Wallace
Ms. Deborah Ryan
Ms. Corinne Jean

ALSO PRESENT: None.

Presentations/Discussions: Minutes from September 18, 2018 were reviewed. Ted Neary asked that “129” on page two be changed to 128.

Dick St. Pierre is requesting an additional \$1,000 to repair the Geo. Peabody House fence. It should be complete in a week and ready to be painted. They found more rot underground than anticipated and the price of lumber has risen making them about \$1,000 short. The fence is 40 years old, they want to do it and do it right. Stewart suggested asking for \$1,600 (and make the grant \$6,000) to make sure they have enough money in case they find more rot. All unused funds can be returned. Jon asked who the contractors are, how reputable they are and how they could make this mistake (Dick: Dave & Mike from Saugus. They’ve been in business for 40+ years doing historical properties and come very well regarded. They found rot underground.). Dick added that the project should be completed by the end of October.

Mike S. stated that he gave the business card for TC (Tony Campos) Masonry to Mike Bonfanti to get a quote for the chimney at the Gideon Foster House. Jon stated that he has heard that Tony has a great reputation and is highly recommended.

Dick mentioned that he finally saw the memorial on Grandview and that it is very nice. Mike S. added that it is cleaned up in the spring by the Police Dept. then the neighbors keep it cleaned for the rest of the season. It’s a 17,000 pocket park in memory of Janis Lasden and Christine Barbuto who both died on 9/11. The CPC purchased the lot, added benches and the flagpole.

Jon talked about the Stonegate subdivision on Pearl & Ralph roads. It’s close to be approved. After reading city-bashing on facebook, he posted about open space that the CPC purchased to keep it from being developed. In researching the Marquado land he discovered that it had been subdivided with named streets before the CPC purchased it but nowhere can he find restrictions on the property. He and City Solicitor Adam Buckley have looked at the deed. Jon wants to know if a deed restriction can be put on it now. Andy and Mike S. agree that it should’ve been done when they bought it. There was discussion about adding a deed restriction now and for all future open space properties the CPC buys. Jon also mentioned that there will be up to 75 days of blasting at Stonegate in a very tight area. There was a brief discussion about the purchase of open space by the CPC.

Dick talked about the Tannery apartments: their 40 year period of subsidized housing is ending which could jeopardize people living there. We may see a request for subsidized housing. Mike S. said there is a state rep trying to change the state law for mobile homes. Ted said this comes up every now and then but never passes.

Votes: Motion to approve minutes from September 18, 2018: Andy Metropolis/Dick St. Pierre. Motion approved.

Motion to fund the application “Geo. Peabody House Fence”, Peabody Historical Society, an additional \$1,000 to cover additional fencing materials. Grant shall be funded from the Historic Preservation account # 270-00000-33022: Jon Turco/Ted Neary. Motion approved.

Motion to ask the City Solicitor if there should be a requirement to place deed restrictions on all open space parcels purchased bought by the Community Preservation Committee and transferred to the city: Jon Turco/Stewart Lazares. Motion approved.

New Business: Mike S. mentioned that there is talk of the Historical Commission looking to buy the Proctor House.

Sub-Committee Reports: **Historical Preservation:** **2 Washington Street:** no updates.

Geo. Peabody House fence: Dick: (see above discussion/motion) – it should be done by the end of October.

Gideon Foster House: No updates.

Open Space: **Crystal Lake:** Stewart: the fountain was tested today. The spray design and lighting colors can be changed., the docks and benches are in, the walkway is paved, the footings are in for the gazebo and the lights are in and porous asphalt has been pored. There is an area that looks like wetlands with native plants, the tombstones have been cleaned and installed. There is also an informational sign that talks about the history of the witch trials. One lamp post is still missing and the gazebo hasn’t been installed. Mike S. would like to see a fountain in the other pond. Stewart added that a report about the conditions of all of the city’s ponds & lakes is in the works.

Peabody Dog Park: Grand opening on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Mike S. asked if there was any request to name it after Janis Lasden. The St. Pierres (on Grandview) have raised money in her name for a dog park. She was the original dog park person.

Center School Playground: No updates.

2017 Bikeway Extension Project: No update.

Affordable Housing: **Emergency Home Repair:** No update.

Housing Production Plan: No update.

Review of Status Reports: See above Sub-Committee reports.

Other Business: The next meeting will be Tuesday, **November 13, 2018**, 6:30 p.m., at the George Peabody House Civic Center & Museum, 205 Washington Street. Mike S. reminded everyone that there is no meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.: Andy Metropolis/Dick St. Pierre.