

1 Minutes of the Ashland Community Preservation Committee
2 Tuesday April 5, 2022
3 Zoom Online Meeting
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5 In Attendance: Aaron Ladd, Cathy Van Lancker, Donna Saul, Gretchen Bravacos, Tricia Kendall,
6 Joanna Sorenson, Devin Cashman, Amy Sayed
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8 Guests: Mark Dassoni, Roy Correia
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10 Mr. Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:30.
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12 Mr. Correia, from the Ashland DPW, presented possible project ideas for updates to the Middle
13 School area. This included two new scoreboards estimated at \$35,000 each, adding one
14 additional tennis court and the resurfacing of four courts for \$150,000. Mr. Correia mentioned
15 that adding a fifth tennis court would meet the requirements to hold competitions on the
16 Middle School courts. It was commented that there wasn't room to add more than one
17 additional court due to steep slope of the land where the current courts are located. Adding
18 four batting cages at \$6,000 would improve safety near the baseball fields. The Committee
19 asked if lighting needed to be upgraded with the addition of one new court. Mr. Correia
20 commented he had explored lighting upgrades for all of the middle school area at \$750,000 but
21 he would have to break out the cost for the specific tennis court upgrades. Mr. Cashman asked
22 if the facilities would be open to the public and if so, the time period they would be available to
23 the public. Mr. Ladd commented that the applicant for this project would have to be the
24 Ashland Public Schools as they manage the property and the Ashland Public Schools would
25 need to speak to public usage in their submission. Other Committee members commended
26 that improving school facilities would help the town overall as well. Ms Van Lancker asked if
27 adding the fifth tennis court would impact wetlands. An initial study indicated that the land to
28 be used was uphill and would not likely be impacting but this would have to be checked as part
29 of the project application. Ms. Kendall asked if field lighting could be studied as part of energy
30 efficiency and sustainability in the future for possible grant funding. The Committee felt that
31 these ideas for the upgrades to the Middle School fields showed CPC merits and would get
32 consideration going forward. Mr. Correia was asked to come back with representation from
33 the Ashland Public Schools, for an official application to be reviewed.
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35 The Committee reviewed the May 2022 Consent Article for Town Meeting that outlined bond
36 payments and revenue going into CPC accounts. Mr. Ladd asked for a vote to approve the
37 motion to indicate CPC approval of the article. The Committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the
38 Warrant Article motion.
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40 Ms. Sorenson gave an update on the Historical District. She commented that the Historical
41 Commission has not had the time to discuss much and would have to table this to a future time.
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43 Ms. Van Lancker moved to approve the February 22nd minutes as amended. Ms. Bravacos
44 seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-3 with Ms. Sorenson, Ms. Sayed, and Mr.
45 Cashman abstaining.

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47 Ms. Van Lancker moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bravacos seconded the motion. The
48 motion passed 8-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm