

**Braintree Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes  
September 8, 2014  
Fletcher Hall**

Present:           Linda Raiss (Chair)                                 Dick Fletcher  
                      Anne Murphy (V-Chair)                     Darryl Mikami  
                      Paul Machado                                     Ron Frazier

Also present:    Barbara Mello, Christine Stickney

Meeting convened at 7:32 PM.

**Discussion of Hollingsworth Playground Project**

Ms. Mello reported that the Town Council has approved all funding for the playground. Plans for the playground have been changed from ½ wood chips and ½ a plastic surface to a totally artificial turf (of a sort) surface which added \$35K to the cost. The bids, however, have come in at lower than estimated amounts. Equipment is expected in mid-October. The planned equipment will exceed ADA requirements with a number of structures available for kids with disabilities. One section of the playground has a structure intended for older kids, and another section for younger kids. Ms. Raiss suggested that signs identifying appropriate ages might be useful. It was noted that the CPA prohibits artificial turf on athletic fields, but not on playgrounds.

**MOTION** by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Machado, to recommend to the Town Council the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA unreserved fund for the rebuilding of the playground at Hollingsworth Park. Unanimously voted.

**Galvin House**

Ms. Raiss reported that the Braintree Historical Society is finalizing their revised Restriction to submit to the state. Mr. Fletcher requested that the committee members have the opportunity to review the new draft Restriction and remarked that there has apparently been some confusion as to who, in fact, is the owner of the building and that we need to be sure that that is resolved.

**Adams Park**

Ms. Raiss reported that subcontractors had been authorized to proceed by the First Church.

**Franklin St. Land**

Ms. Raiss reported that bounds had been set and check by her and Ms. Phelan.

**Canoe/Kayak Launch**

Ms. Raiss reported that Ms. Phelan has a draft design but is updating it.

**Minutes of 8/4/14: MOTION by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Machado to approve the August minutes, unanimously voted**

**Old Thayer Library:** Ms. Stickney reported that two windows are left to be done. The front door is being worked. It was discovered that the light above the front door is copper and the black paint has been removed.

**Town Hall:** As the CPC had previously appropriated money for an historical survey of Town Hall, Ms. Stickney reported that the town was planning a slate reroofing project. No money will be requested from CPC for this.

**Elm St. Cemetery.** Bids have been received for the work. The low bidder was Colonial Stone (Mr. Frank Drollett, who had done the previously funded work) in the amount of \$132, 855. Mr. Frazier and Ms. Stickney both expressed satisfaction with his work to date. Ms. Stickney went over the revised financial request in light of the bids. The bids covered all work on priority 1, 2, and 3 stones in Ms. Donohue's report. A contingency of approximately 25% is being requested. Various members repeated the Committee's previous concern that in light of the significant expenditures we are making, cemetery security should be a priority.

**MOTION by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Mikami, to recommend to the Town Council the appropriation of \$170,000 for the conservation and preservation of the gravestones within the Elm Street Cemetery, to be funded as follows: \$100,000 from the CPA Historical Preservation Fund and \$70,000 from the CPA unreserved fund in accordance with the CPA application submitted for the project, to be supervised and expended under the direction of the Director of Planning and Community Development. Unanimously voted.**

Ms. Raiss mentioned that Mr. Fletcher had suggested updated wording on estimates for the CPA application and she would like to discuss that at the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2014

**MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Frazier; unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

A.R. Fletcher, Jr.  
Secretary, pro tempore