

Braintree Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
January 11, 2016
Johnson Chambers – Town Hall

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

Guests: Santina Giannino, 11 Trainor Dr.
 Elizabeth Mees, Chair Historical Commission

Request Regarding 1091 Liberty St.

Ms. Giannino had previously contacted Ms. Raiss about the possibility of funding acquisition of some of the land currently at 1091 Liberty St. Ms. Raiss stated that the committee could not consider this at this time as the land was under agreement. Ms. Giannino explained the nature of the request that she had intended to make. The back land of 1091 Liberty St. is wooded and contains a steeply sloping area and she and neighbors are concerned about runoff. She also stated that an adjacent landlocked wooded parcel might be available to purchase.

Elm St. Cemetery

An application for work on the walls and fences of the Elm Street Cemetery was presented and discussed, including estimates for work on fences and walls. Total estimated cost is \$750,000. Discussion ensued of the best way to approach this. The general consensus was that we should pursue hiring a qualified project manager to ensure proper execution. Other subjects discussed were the need for security, the need for tree removal to make sure that the walls would not be undermined, the need for a vote of the historical commission explicitly designating the cemetery as a whole as historic, and the funding situation. It was mentioned that work on the stones is apparently complete, but that work on vaults remains and is not included in the draft application. Ms. Raiss will be discussing the project with the Mayor to solicit his support.

Return of Funds

MOVE: That the sum of \$852.74 remaining in a previous work account for the Elm Street Cemetery be returned to the CPA unreserved fund as the work is completed. Moved by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Machado, unanimously voted.

MOVE: That the sum of \$13,757.91 remaining in the work account for the Hollingsworth Playground be returned to the CPA unreserved fund as the work is complete. Moved by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Machado, unanimously voted.

MOVE: That the sum of \$200,000 in the "right-of-first-refusal" account be returned to the CPA unreserved fund, subject to consent of the Braintree Housing Authority in the matter of \$30,000 appropriated by the 2004 annual town meeting. Moved by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Frazier, unanimously voted.

Highland Playground & Arts/Recreation Center Restriction

Ms. Phelan has drafted this restriction. Mr. Fletcher has comments which he will forward. Ms. Raiss has been discussing the Weymouth Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District holding this restriction with Mr. Cleaves who intends to present it to his board at their January meeting.

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Signage: Ms. Raiss discussed suggested wording for the signs.

Public Outreach: Ms. Raiss has contacted the Library about a display on CPC activities when a display case becomes available.

Financial Reports

The financial reports were distributed.

Adjournment was MOVED by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Bears, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

A.R. Fletcher, Jr., Secretary