

Town of Agawam
Community Preservation Committee
Public Hearing Minutes
April 27, 2011

Members Present: Henry Kozloski; Chair, Corinne Wingard, Richard Bennett, Richard Maggi, Christina Thompson, Vi Baldwin, Tom Tierney, Louis Russo, Ray Moreau, Others Present: Jennifer Bonfiglio; CPA

Public Hearing called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Kozloski.

1. ***Financial Report*** provided via Power Point Presentation by Chairman Kozloski. Total fund balance is \$3,155,000. Average cost to Agawam homeowner is \$28.62 a year.
2. ***Open Space***: Review of open space purpose and accomplishments provided via Power Point Presentation by Chairman Kozloski. Discussion opened to the public
 - Debbie Sanchez, 37 Hemlock Ridge would like to discuss the possibility of a dog park. Chairman Kozloski advises her that we can discuss it when we reach the recreation portion of the hearing.
 - Teresa Kozloski, 102 Meadow Street asks if the Open Space Plan is available to the public. Yes.
3. ***Historical Preservation***: Review of Historical Preservation purpose and accomplishments provided via Power Point Presentation by Chairman Kozloski. Discussion opened to the public
 - Teresa Kozloski, 102 Meadow Street, suggests an archival of documents. It is suggested that she contact the Agawam Historical Commission.
4. ***Community Housing***: Review of Community Housing purpose and accomplishments provided via Power Point Presentation by Chairman Kozloski. Discussion opened to the public
 - Maureen Cayer, Agawam Housing Authority Executive Director states that 8 units at Meadowbrook and all units at Danahy have been rehabilitated with CAP funds. She is new to the Authority and will be seeking additional funds. She asks if CPA funding can be combined with different areas of spending. Can you use different categories for one project and can a project receive multi year funding Yes.
5. ***Recreation***: Review of Recreation purpose and accomplishments provided via Power Point Presentation by Chairman Kozloski. Discussion opened to the public
 - Scott Milliken, 26 Melrose Street representing a committee for a dog park in Agawam. A meeting was held three weeks ago with 50 people in attendance. He feels it would be a great addition to the town. He visits a dog park in Granby, CT. There is a lot of support for the project. It is a multi-use project and crosses many age groups
 - Doreen Prouty, 891 South Westfield Street, supports a dog park
 - Annie Legrand, River Road, supports a dog park in town and also visits the park

in Granby, CT.

- Jennifer Roberts, River Road, supports a dog park
- Joyce Walthrop, Connors Cove, supports a dog park
- Albert Reed visits other dog parks and would like to see one in Agawam
- Karen Foss would also like to see a dog park in Agawam and would be willing to volunteer her time.
- Henry Kozloski asks about maintenance. Scott Milliken states there are volunteer committees that are formed in other parks to assist with rules, maintenance and clean ups. He is working on getting a dedicated group of volunteers together.
- Louis Russo states that he favors a dog park but is worried about clean up. Scott is working with a committee to ensure that will be taken care of.
- Debbie Sanchez, 37 Hemlock Ridge moved from Springfield, is currently a Board of Health member. She states that the Granby Park is an all inclusive park. There is a playground for kids, park for dogs, baseball, etc. She supports a dog park at School Street Park because of that. She also loves the idea of a spray park/splash pad.
- Ray Moreau agrees and feels that School Street is the best spot. Ray also feels that the baseball field should not be removed at the Jr. High.
- Henry Kozloski would like to see passive recreation at the School Street Park.
- Vi Baldwin echoes ray Moreau's comments that we have adequate fields in town and feels School Street Park is a great spot.
- Joyce Douthwright, 16 Connors Cove, feels sports are great, but for people that do not have kids or play sports the dog park will provide a different recreation opportunity.
- Henry Kozloski would like to see more recreation opportunities in Feeding Hills.
- Jennifer Bonfiglio, CPA Administrator clarified what happened at the last public meeting for the School Street Park conceptual plan. The dog park was not initially included in any plan. The idea was brought up at the meeting and all comments, correspondences and feedback was forwarded to the Mayor, council and Park & recreation.
- Joe Mineo, City Councilor asks if any town official can sponsor an application.
- Joyce Douthwright also states that she supports recreation for children but does not have young kids. She supports recreation for individuals with no children.
- Vi Baldwin feels that the community has many needs and passive recreation is needed. The community has a voice and sometimes does not feel heard.
- Katelyn Roberts has a one year old German Shepard who she likes to play with and wished she had a park to go to with her dog.
- Teresa Kozloski would like to see a music shed. Henry Kozloski states that it is the conceptual plan for School Street park.
- Corinne Wingard and Tom Tierney feel that letters should be written to town officials.
- Jennifer Bonfiglio explained the Senate and House Bill which is currently pending, "An act to sustain Community Preservation", which would guarantee a state match and allow rehabilitation of existing recreation resources.
- CPA website discussed
- Motion to close public hearing at 8:00 PM by Richard Bennett, second by Vi Baldwin. All in favor.

6. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Richard Maggi. Second by Louis Russo. Vote: Unanimous