

**Braintree Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
MAY 14, 2015
Johnson Chambers – Town Hall**

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

Absent: Anne Murphy (and Pat Flynn

Also Present: Kelly Phelan, Conservation Planner

Meeting convened at 7:40 PM

New Business:

Great Pond Dam Fish Ladder Application- Kelly Phelan on behalf of the Braintree Planning & Community Development Office. Town has been working with MA Division of Marine Fisheries to restore the historic herring run of the Monatiquot and Fore Rivers. Two existing dams prevent Herring from reaching Great Pond reservoir are located on Hollingsworth Pond (owned by Messina Enterprises) and the one at the Great Pond Reservoir (Tri-Town Water System). Messina Enterprises is working with DPM to remove this dam. The Tri-Town Board has received a Grant from the State to rehabilitate the dam and spillway at great Pond but that funding is contingent upon inclusion of the fish ladder. Per budget created by DMF total cost for the fish ladder is \$87,840.00 to be split between Braintree Randolph and Holbrook. Braintree's share is \$42,163.20 and the amount requested in the Application. Holbrook and Randolph have approved funding. The Town of Plymouth recently used \$75,000 of CPA Funds to rehab the old fish way on Town Brook. A discussion regarding the propriety of using CPA funds followed as Mr. Fletcher suggested that the Project does not appear to fall into any of the allowable categories for which CPA Funds may be used. Members asked if modifications (viewing area) might be made in order to fit into a recreational or historic category. Kelly Phelan to seek opinion of counsel and The Coalition legal in order to address the issue as Members generally seem in favor of the Project.

Old Business

Member as Recording Secretary-The Chair suggested that MS Stickney might wish to step down as recording Secretary for the Committee due to her many obligations throughout the Town Government. Mr. Frazier moved to nominate Mr. Fletcher as the Committee's Recording Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Mikami. Unanimous (Mr. Fletcher not present). Mr. Fletcher subsequently and graciously accepted the appointment.

Civil War Statue Surplus- Surplus funding of \$950.00. Vote to return surplus funds to Historical Preservation Fund. Mr. Frazier moved to return excess funds to Historical Preservation Fund. Seconded by Mr. Machado. Voted unanimously.

Gallivan House Restriction Update- Chair initiated discussion regarding the lack of a Historic Preservation Restriction and the current state of control/operation of the Historical Society due to resignation of Officers and Directors and no successors being appointed. Brings up question of authority to grant the restriction as required by Committee Vote and Memorandum of Understanding /agreement

with Applicant. Chair posed the question: What do we want to do? Comments have been made by Mass Historic and Mr. Fletcher to meet with Mr. Banker (the treasurer of BHS) to finalize and discuss Restriction and bring it into compliance with MA Historic requirements. The Committee authorized Mr. Fletcher to meet with Mr. Banker for such purposes.

Elm Street Cemetery - Mr. Frazier advises that the Contractor (Mr. Drollett) thinks this aspect of the restoration may be completed by the end of the Month. In performing, contractor encountered a lot of things they were not aware of in terms of the conditions of the Stones.

Need for Restrictions in light of MGL CH 184 s. 31(Restrictions defined). Discussion as to various outstanding Conservation Restrictions and status of recording. The Chair /Members questioned the need for Restrictions over and above what are allowed under MGL Ch. 183/31...looking at the management and control/oversight/cost issue. Chair will speak with Christine to look into this issue.

CPC Project Updates-

Historical Records Preservation Project- Mr. Casey advises that he has submitted a request to Ms. Mello regarding an RFP for the Project. Ms. Mello presently working on several projects and will get back to him in a few weeks to restart work on the Project. Mr. Casey reports that the project completion date remains at the end of 2015.

Monatiquot River Walk. On track for completion in October 2015. Remaining work: Benches need to be ordered and installed spur to Gordon Road needs to be completed and signage (purchased) need to be installed.

Adams Memorial Plaza- Progressing, contractors vendors retained, design and development. Ribbon Cutting ceremony in September 2015 in conjunction with completion of Elm St Cemetery Project.

March 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes- Mr. Mikami moved to approve. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Unanimous (Mr. Machado abstained as he was not present at that Meeting)

Mr. Frazier **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mr. Fletcher - unanimously voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Machado,
Vice Chair