

**TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)**

Minutes: Wednesday, February 17, 2021, Zoom Public Meeting, 5:00PM
Present: Elizabeth Dionne, Margaret Velie, Adam Dash, Michael Chesson, Gloria Leipzig,
Stephen Pinkerton, David Kane, Andy Rojas, Natasha Klemek
Other: Glen Castro, John Marshall
Absent:

Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Tennis Court Expansion – Winn Brook (Revised Amount \$269,750)

Elizabeth proposed to postpone CPC vote on the Tennis Court Expansion – Winn Brook. Recreation Commission held public meetings on January 27th and February 10th. David gave an update:

- January 27th meeting
 - Support for Tennis Courts
- February 10th
 - Winn Brook residents supported for some tennis courts, no tennis courts, one tennis court, and two tennis courts

At the Recreation Commission meeting, Anthony Ferrante proposed a two-phase tennis court expansion project, completion of the final design work, and commencing the project the next year. Recreation Commission voted three times:

- 6-2 opposing two-phase project
- 5-3 not to accept two tennis courts
- 7-0 in favor of having one tennis court

Adam gave an update:

- Tennis community organized and showed up at the first meeting
- Winn Brook residents organized and showed up at the second meeting
- Adding one more tennis court at Winn Brook
 - An increased from four to five tennis courts
 - Minimum necessary for the high school team

Select Board needs to decide whether to reduce the money to do one court or leave the total amount for the two courts. CPC needs to revisit the amount submitted by the project sponsor for

two courts. The Recreation Commission's recommendation is in favor of having one tennis court. CPC needs to revise the CPA funding amount from two tennis courts to one tennis court.

Margaret gave an update of concerns including:

- Tennis courts to be built this fall a tight schedule
- Some neighbors did not get notices until the second meeting
- Tennis balls going onto Cross Street
- No opportunity for neighbors to comment on the design work, or their concerns incorporated
- Per the Citizen Herald article on December 30th,
 - A plan was mentioned to build a tennis court west of the Harris Field -- the study to be paid by town, Belmont Middle High School Building Committee, and School Department

Adam stated Roy decided to look into it one more time. It is worth making sure one more time, but he does not expect the outcome to change. Margaret asked whether the Recreation Commission determined that the town need another tennis court. David stated having another tennis court helps by not stacking teams up.

CPA Annual Report

Elizabeth will work on the CPC annual report to the Select Board.

CPA Invoice Proposal

Elizabeth and Glen will work on getting a final version completed for CPCs approval.

CPA Signs

CPC reviewed and discussed the color, size, and year options. Andy gave an update:

- Color scheme
- Circular 9' medallion
- Graphic designer Nick Kaldenbaugh donated his time developing CPA signs as oppose to charging the town for his time and effort
- Getting price quotes for both 9' circular and square bronze plaque

Michael gave an update:

- Historic District Commission opposed the brown color
- Some liked the blue design
- Having permanent CPA signs will make Belmont look like Time Square
- Publicize the funding in an effective and professional manner

- When the project is completed to remove the CPA signs
- Put up 2 feet by 2 feet to see what's on the sign

CPC agreed to a blue color background, no year, 14 inch square, 9 inch square, and 9 inch circle.

David moved to approve the CPA sign a blue color background, no year, 14 inch square, 9 inch square, and 9 inch circle, passed unanimously.

Project updates

Gloria gave an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance program. People are still being contacted. There is an estimated available balance of \$36K. Elizabeth asked that Betsy Lipson or Rachel Heller give an update at the next CPC meeting. Cambridge Housing Authority will be managing the Sherman Gardens Redevelopment and Belmont Village projects.

Stephen moved to adjourn CPC regular meeting, passed unanimously. Second by Michael.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro