

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

DATE: October 15, 2020

Minutes: Wednesday, August 26, 2020, Zoom Meeting, 4:00PM
Present: Elizabeth Dionne, Margaret Velie, Stephen Pinkerton, Adam Dash, David Kane, Michael Chesson, Gloria Leipzig
Other: Anthony Ferrante, Tom Gatzunis, Ted Galante, Michael Smith, Glen Castro,
Absent: Andy Rojas, Floyd Carman

TIME: 9:23 AM

Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Belmont Police Station Front Steps

Elizabeth stated her support for the special application process. Adam questioned whether the \$100K is a place holder or an actual amount. The \$100K will appear on the warrant and motion for Special Town Meeting. Ted stated a place holder and not to exceed \$100K. Gloria asked about the front steps project meeting the historic preservation criteria. Michael Chesson stated the front steps are original to Georgian building, which explains the multiple repairs to the front steps. Stephen asked about the ADA access to the building. Ted stated a variance was received to not have this entrance ADA compliance.

Stephen moved to approve the Special Application Process, as amended by adding a check mark next to the historic preservation category, for the Front Steps in the amount of \$100K, passed unanimously.

Phase Two Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Gloria gave an update for Housing Trust proposal:

- Expand the rental assistance program;
- Request an additional \$100K;
- Phase I - 69 applications received (2-3 bedroom apartments)
- If all 69 approved, total amount needed \$280K
- Phase I Rental Assistance Program Town Meeting appropriation \$250K
- Waiting list created for incoming applications after August 14th
- One day drive up event if awarded additional \$100K

Elizabeth stated this project meets the special application process criteria. This is the first special application process the Housing Trust has submitted. Elizabeth stated that her preference will be for CPA funds to be focused on permanent housing units going forward. Gloria stated the Housing Trust will be submitting a regular application for development of affordable housing. Stephen stated this application is an adjustment to an earlier request. David inquired whether the

69 applicants will exhaust the \$250K. Gloria stated over and above the \$250K will be spent if all applicants are found eligible.

Peg moved to approve the Special Application for the Phase Two Emergency Rental Assistance Program, passed unanimously. Second by Stephen

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro