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TOWN OF BELMONT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

Minutes: Wednesday, July 10, 2019, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM
Present: Margaret Velie, David Kane, Roy Epstein, Gloria Leipzig, Stephen Pinkerton
Absent: Floyd Carman, Elizabeth Dionne, Andy Rojas, Lisa Harrington

Margaret Velie called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approved Minutes

- Motion to approve Regular meeting minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, June 12, 2019, was made and seconded - passed unanimously.

CPA Plan Update

The modifications to the CPA Plan and the integration of the draft rules into the plan suggested by Elizabeth Dionne were discussed.

Spending Guidelines

Questions were raised on how the mechanics of the reserve would work, including: would Town Meeting vote on the reserve? Would the reserve be a set \$ amount, a set percentage, or just money not spent each year? How would the reserve be released?

The committee discussed taking a longer-range view of potential projects. A multi-year view could require a set aside and this could result in not funding a in a given year in favor of a set aside, including denying money for an eligible project to reserve money for an unknowable future project

The set aside language in CPA Statute and Belmont Article 33 – CPA 33.2.2 state that such a set aside is for **specific** purposes. [note they both go on to say “... or to set aside for later spending funds for **general** purposes that are consistent with community preservation]

Religious Institutions

The CPC discussed the need for organizations to make an especially clear statement of the public purpose of the project. It was noted that because the town may have to protect itself from the expenses of litigation the approval from the committee or TM may be more difficult.

Fundraising

The committee discussed fundraising for projects on publicly-owned property (on town owned land or for town owned assets) vs. fundraising for projects on privately-owned property which have a public benefit. It was suggested including language stating that “fundraising of 10% will be required for projects on privately-owned property or for privately-owned assets” and that “contributions to projects involving town owned property would be welcomed

Public comment

The draft 2020 CPA Plan will be presented at the September Public Meeting for public comment.

The CPC will continue drafting rules and updating the CPA Plan at the next meeting.

Project Updates

Grove Street Path

The construction of the path went to bid and has been awarded. Entrance paths connecting the sidewalk/street to the interior path were not included in the bid because the town was going to construct them as part of an overall exterior enhancement project for the park. The town has not yet appropriated ~~is no longer~~ funding for that project. Without the entrances the new interior handicap accessible path will not be accessible. The committee agreed that handicap accessibility to the path was assured as part of the project.

Other Business

- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.