

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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DATE: January 20, 2023
TIME: 9:01 AM

Minutes: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Zoom Public Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Dionne, Margaret Velie, David Kane, Sarah Caputo, Juliet Jenkins, Roy Epstein, Gloria Leipzig, Michael Chesson

Other: Matthew Haskell, Trey Klein

Absent: None

Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Elizabeth announced that Stephen Pinkerton has stepped down from the Planning Board and therefore the Community Preservation Committee. Stephen will be sorely missed, but we wish him well.

I) Project update – Town Field Playground

- a. Elizabeth recognized Trey Klein who explained his idea for the layout of the pickleball and basketball courts in the Town Field Playground plan. Trey noted that he is an architect by trade. Trey then pulled up his overlay of the pickleball courts and the basketball court. The courts still would occupy the same area of the ground at the playground location. Trey described that his draft plan alters the two angled corners on the pickleball court to 90-degree corners, changes the location of one entrance to be outside of the pickleball courts, and changes the two curved walkways to become one straight walkway.
- b. Gloria asked if the original designers have seen this new idea. Gloria stated that she would want to have the original designers give their opinion of the new layout.
- c. Roy asked who has final sign off on this? Roy wanted to be sure that all original stake holders are involved. Sarah echoed Roy’s sentiment.
- d. Margaret asked if Cortney Eldridge has weighed in on this proposal. Elizabeth stated that she was not aware that she had been involved. Elizabeth added that Cortney is a member of the Recreation Commission.

Roy moved to approve minor design changes, conditioned upon: no delays in timing; de minimis increases in cost; approval of Jay Marcotte, DPW Director; approval of Cortney Eldridge, Friends of Town Field; and the approval of Recreation Commission. Seconded by Margaret. The motion was approved unanimously: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

II) Approve or Deny Preliminary FY24 CPA Funding Applications

- a. Conservation Fund
 - i. This project is CPC eligible
 - ii. Is \$50,000 enough? Margaret answered that this would be for appraising or doing a land survey on possible available open space.
- b. Grove Street Baseball and Basketball Reconstruction
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.

- ii. Elaborate on the estimated cost. What is the scope of the project, and does this include a solution for the drainage? Margaret mentioned that in the past the private baseball leagues have donated some funds.
- c. PQ Park Basketball Court Replacement – In Kind
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
- d. Underwood Playground Design and Engineering
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
- e. Skate Park Feasibility Study
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
 - ii. What would this cost be used to pay for?
- f. Predevelopment Planning for Rejuvenation of Sherman Gardens
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
 - ii. This is a continuation of a funded project.
- g. Fund to Support the Creation of New Affordable Housing
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
 - ii. Can this be postponed?
- h. Historic Objects Preservation Plan – Belmont Public Library
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
 - ii. Is this contingent on the debt exclusion vote?
- i. Town of Belmont Historical Municipal and School Exterior Building Envelope Study
 - i. This project is CPC eligible.
 - ii. FY23 Administrative funds are contributing to this project.

The CPA Fund is in a deficit situation for this funding cycle, based on more funds requested in applications than available funds. Applicants were asked, if their project could wait a year for funding, to please consider postponing their application until FY24.

III) Approve Invoices

David moved to authorize payment of Anderson & Kreiger’s August invoice in the amount of \$899.50. Seconded by Michael. The motion was approved unanimously: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

IV) Review Minutes – tabled

- a. July 13, 2022
- b. August 24, 2022
- c. September 14, 2022

V) Other Business

- a. Project Updates
 - i. Changed oversight of the Grove Street project from Stephen to Sarah.

David moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM. Seconded by Michael. The motion was approved unanimously: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Haskell