

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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DATE: April 13, 2023
TIME: 9:57 AM

Minutes: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Zoom Public Meeting

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

Other: Matthew Haskell, Aaron Pikcingis, Brandon Fitts, Jonathan Charwick, Donna Ruvolo, Wendy Murphy, Larry Link

Absent: None

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

Elizabeth started the meeting by introducing Aaron Pikcingis. Aaron is a non-voting liaison from the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee and will be joining CPC meetings as he is able.

I) Review Changes to FY24 Final CPA Funding Applications

- a. Brandon gave an overview of price increases to two projects: Grove Street Baseball and Basketball Reconstruction and PQ Basketball Court Replacement - In Kind.
 - i. The PQ project increase was approximately \$20,000, which resulted from a bid from a differing company, Waterfield Design Group. Sarah Caputo asked if there was any additional benefit from changing companies? Brandon Fitts answered that Activitas did previous work in the PQ area of Belmont and cut their price due to that.
 - ii. The Grove Street project increased by \$167,566.77. These increases were largely from increasing the soil depth from 4 inches to 6 inches to give better life and longevity to the grass and from adding funding to replace the fencing around the park.

II) Review Off-Cycle funding Request from the Belmont Women's Club

- a. Wendy Murphy gave an overview of the additional work needed to be done at the Women's Club building on Concord Ave. In FY2021 the Women's Club was awarded \$100,000 in funding to repair all of the windows in the Homer House. Additional work to replace bracing for ten third-floor windows will cost \$34,000, mainly due to the cost of scaffolding.

Sarah Caputo asked about the urgency of the project and if it could wait until the next funding cycle. Wendy stated that the window frames are so damaged that the plywood that is currently closing the holes for the windows has fallen out and could lead to water damage or damage from animals.

III) Review and Update funding votes from January 18th meeting

- a. David Lind moved to reduce the reserve fund from \$100,000.00 to \$0.00. Gloria seconded. The motion was approved unanimously: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.
- b. Juliet asked if the committee would be able to realize some project turnbacks before Town Meeting. Elizabeth asked Matt to look into the currently open projects.
- c. Margaret asked if we should ask the baseball groups for some funding for the Grove Street project as the soccer program had fundraised in the past. Elizabeth stated that it is possible, but that it was not stated as a requirement and that the baseball program would be paying a higher cost to play elsewhere while Belmont's fields are offline.
- d. Juliet asked that when the committee reviews the CPA plan in the summer if the committee could revisit the amount privately contributed by those pursuing Recreation projects in the FY25 CPA Plan.
- e. Juliet moved to reduce the Housing Trust fund down to \$190,000 and the Conservation fund down to \$140,000. David seconded. The motion was approved unanimously: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Gloria and David left the meeting

II) Review Off-Cycle funding Request from the Belmont Women's Club - Continued from earlier in the meeting.

- a. Margaret moved that the CPC find off-cycle funding request from the Belmont Women's Club eligible for funding. Seconded by Roy. The motion was approved unanimously: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.
- b. Margaret moved to recommend \$31,500 for the Belmont Women's Club off-cycle request. (The Women's Club increased the total project to \$35,000, of which they will raise \$3,500.) Seconded by Michael. The motion was approved unanimously: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

IV) Approve Invoices

- c. Michael moved to approve Anderson and Kreiger invoice #144201. Seconded by Sarah. The motion was approved unanimously: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Matt and Elizabeth will be working on notification letters for all applicants with the revised amounts.

Roy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM. Seconded by Michael. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Haskell