

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

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**BELMONT, MA**

DATE: April 11, 2024  
TIME: 9:46 AM

Minutes: Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Zoom Public Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Dionne, Margaret Velie, Aaron Pikcilingis, Gloria Leipzig, Carol Berberian, Anne Marie Mahoney, David Lind, Juliet Jenkins, Jackie Appel

Other: Matthew Haskell, Michael Flamang, Brandon Fitts

Absent:

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Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

1. Michael Flamang gave a brief presentation showing restoration to the Historic Tower Clock that the CPC had funded as well as gave a brief history of the clock and different funding streams that have kept it operating all of these years. Michael expressed the church's gratitude for the funding that has allowed the dormant clock to be restored to working condition.
2. Brandon Fitts attended the meeting to give an update on all of the Recreation open projects.
  - a. Town Field – Project complete, just used some of the remaining funding to increase the height of the fencing around the basketball court.
  - b. PQ Basketball court – Prep work has been completed. It has been set to be dormant for the winter and is closed in with fencing. Once the temperature is warmer it will be surfaced properly and has a set opening date of June 1, 2024.
  - c. Grove Street – similar basketball court. This is following the same timeline as the PQ basketball court. The Grove Street field is underway as well.
    - i. Carol asked about the height of the backstop and noting that there is residential property that abuts the backstop. Brandon said that he believes that the original backstop is still in place, but that he will confirm that.
    - ii. Juliet asked if the accessibility had been improved for the park and the basketball court. Brandon noted that the design for the park includes accessibility.
  - d. Payson Park – Seeding is down and project is in great shape. The project is largely dormant now and will pick back up in the Spring.
  - e. Winn Brook – 5<sup>th</sup> Tennis Court addition has been popular.
  - f. Chenery – The Friends of the Chenery playground group has been formed.
3. Review final funding applications
  - a. Affordable Housing for Town Employees
    - i. This application has been pulled for this funding cycle.
  - b. Chenery Park Design and Engineering
    - i. Tabling this vote until February to allow time for the Recreation Commission to vote on the project.
  - c. Chenery Park Funding
    - i. Tabling this vote until February to allow time for the Recreation

Commission to vote on the project.

- d. Fund to Support New Affordable Housing
  - i. This project has sent in an update to add \$25,000 to the ask (now totaling \$275,000) in order to set aside some of the funding to pay for administrative support with the applications.
  - ii. There was discussion of pulling out the additional \$25,000, but the committee agreed that it would make sense that the project would need some funding to help them review applications and to administer the awards.
- e. FY2025 Project Contingency Fund Annual Appropriation
  - i. This project is still under review by both Town Counsel and the Community Preservation Coalition. We are awaiting their decision on eligibility.
- f. Homer House Exterior Paint Restoration
  - i. Carol Berberian discussed that the Womans' Club came back to the Planning Board to have a restriction removed that had previously disallowed Town employees from parking at the Womans' Club. The Planning Board voted to remove the restriction, but left it open for the Womans' Club to create an agreement with the Town Administrator regarding parking on the site.
- g. Discussion of looking at out years and the available funding going into the future
  - i. Gloria let the committee know that the Housing Authority would soon have an estimate for what they will be requesting for the next 5 years and that would be shared with the committee.
  - ii. Margaret Velie brought up that the final leg of the Clay Pit Pond path is being reviewed by the Conservation Commission and may come up in the future for CPA funding.
- h. Housing Authority is confirmed to give a presentation with project updates in March

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. Seconded by Dave. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matt Haskell