

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

Minutes: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM
Present: Margaret Velie, Floyd Carman, Tom Caputo, Stephen Pinkerton, Elizabeth
Dionne, Gloria Leipzig, David Kane, Lisa Harrington, Andy Rojas
Other: Glen Castro
Absent:

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

Approved Minutes

- Motion to approve Regular meeting minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, February 13, 2019, passed unanimously.
 - Stephen Pinkerton moved to approve meeting minutes as amended.

Town Meeting Preparations

- Warrant Committee Meeting

Margaret Velie stated that the Warrant Committee (WC) did not vote on any of the projects. Elizabeth Dionne mentioned the WC potentially voting on April 3rd. Roy Epstein wanted to separate the presentations and the votes. Margaret Velie stated the process was new as presentations were made by sponsors at the meeting which was good preparation for sponsors before town meeting.

Margaret Velie stated that the Community Path applied for a \$300K grant. Tom Caputo stated the \$300K is from the state that we may or may not get to defer some of the cost of design. Elizabeth Dionne stated that Adam Dash was clear that it might be \$0 or \$300K.

The police station and public works buildings will be out to bid together and begin work later this summer. WC was concerned with locking into pickle ball court at Town Field. Andy Rojas stated that there may be a way to allow other games.

WC was concerned with decorating versus repair Town Hall ceiling. Elizabeth Dionne stated that Roy Epstein wanted to make sure it qualifies for historic restoration. Lisa Harrington stated that interior does not fall under historic purview. Floyd Carman stated that according to Stuart Saginor it passes muster.

WC was concerned with the tower clock that there was no money being contributed. It was recommended that the sponsor come back with an estimate of their in-kind contribution. Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition confirmed that this was acceptable as required

by building codes. Elizabeth Dionne brought up a point at the WC meeting that CPC members are in discussion for a consistent policy for fundraising. Adam Dash volunteered to write the rules for CPC for fundraising. Elizabeth Dionne will follow up with Adam Dash.

Stephen Pinkerton stated that CPA was created for a reason and not part of the town budget process. We need to respect the CPA funds. The intent for CPA is to give residents an input on potential projects.

Gloria Leipzig stated her concerns about capital budget lists and that affordable housing is not part of capital budget lists. Elizabeth Dionne raised the fact that the Town Administrator has started the process of the town's capital needs.

- Capital Budget Committee

Floyd Carman will confirm with CBC meeting on Friday.

- Board of Selectmen

Tom Caputo will follow up with Adam Dash if each presenters will be invited to attend the BOS meeting.

- Educational Materials for TM Members, Financial Overview and Recommendation for FY20 and FY21 Appropriation

Margarete Velie stated every year town meeting members receive educational materials including financials, summary projects, and CPA overview. Andy Rojas was curious if the percent of the state match decreased over time. Margaret Velie stated towns participating has increased including Boston. The average state collection has been steady at about \$25M per year that has gone to towns that have passed the CPA.

Project Closures

- Belmont Headquarters Sons of Italy – Historical Artifacts Preservation
 - Andy Rojas made the motion to close out the Sons of Italy project, passed unanimously.
- Winn Brook Tennis Courts
 - Gloria Leipzig made the motion to close out the Winn Brook Tennis Courts project, passed unanimously.
- Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path Plan
 - Stephen Pinkerton made the motion to close out the Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path Plan project, passed unanimously.
- Grove Street Tennis Courts
 - Stephen Pinkerton made the motion to close out the Grove Street Tennis Courts project, passed unanimously.

Project Updates FY16-FY19:

FY16

- Homer House Rehabilitation and Restoration – Glen Castro will email Wendy Murphy for status update.

FY17

- Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond – Mary Trudeau has not received any bills for Veterans project.
- Preserving Belmont’s Original Vital Records - Ellen Cushman is currently working this project.
- Digitizing Belmont’s Town Meeting Records - Ellen Cushman is currently working this project.

FY18

- Sherman Gardens – ongoing

FY19

- Funds Set Aside to Housing Trust – ongoing
- McLean Barn – going out to bid a few weeks
- Veterans Memorial – no bills have been submitted

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro