

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

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Minutes: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM  
Present: Margaret Velie, Floyd Carman, Tom Caputo, Stephen Pinkerton, Elizabeth Dionne, Gloria Leipzig  
Other: Tomi Olsen, Michael Flamang, Glen Castro, Anne Paulson, Jeanne Mooney  
Absent: Andy Rojas, David Kane, Lisa Harrington

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

**Approved Minutes**

- Motion to approve meeting minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, January 9, 2019, passed unanimously.
  - Gloria Leipzig moved to approve meeting minutes.

**Update and Review Final Application – Payson Park Music Festival Bandstand**

Margaret Velie confirmed with David Kane that the Recreation Commission voted for this project. David Kane stated the Recreation Commission supported this project pending bid documents and that the project meets all CPC requirements. Floyd Carman stated the total cost now is \$90K and to be voted by CPC. Elizabeth Dionne inquired whether CPC will require fund raising component for this project. Floyd Carman stated that this project is different as Tomi Olsen is the only sponsor to this project. Tom Caputo inquired whether there is a policy of what groups CPC requests fundraising from and what level of fundraising is expected. Floyd Carman stated that he doesn't disagree with fundraising as there are two sides to the coin. The fundraising policy should be from Board of Selectmen and not from CPC.

Gloria Leipzig inquired whether this project is for this year or fiscal year 2021. Floyd Carman stated this project will be for summer 2019. Elizabeth Dionne stated that she doesn't know funds available versus the funds going around. Floyd Carman stated that some of CPC projects come in underbid.

Stephen Pinkerton inquired whether the materials are different and whether there is a railing around the balusters and is it pressure treated. Tomi Olsen stated that Jay Marcotte is accepting whatever is being offered by Benson Woodworking Co., Inc. Tom Caputo asked if the \$20K contingency is for potential electrical or drainage concerns. Tomi Olsen stated Peter Quinn included site prep and not electrical.

**Stephen Pinkerton made the motion to recommend favorable action at town meeting for the Payson Park Music Festival Bandstand for \$90,000, passed unanimously.**

### **Belmont Tower Clock at First Church Restoration - Discussion**

Tom Caputo stated that there is certainly a risk of funding this project. After reading the opinion of George Hall, Town Council, it seems less likely that would be the case if funding a restoration of a religious artifact versus civic artifact. Tom Caputo stated the Board of Selectmen did not want the fear of litigation to prevent CPC from supporting this project. Floyd Carman stated his concerns of what is confronting this town over the next two or three years. Town meeting members vote on the motion rather than good financial sense. The town is looking at \$212M financing for the high school, April of 2020 operating override for fiscal year 2021 budget, and rating agencies review. If the town receives rating less than AAA, it will cost the town about \$8M over 30 years.

Elizabeth Dionne stated she will vote for this project because she defers to the Board of Selectmen on litigation risk. Floyd Carman stated that if the town is being sued, we would likely back off on this project. Gloria Leipzig stated that there may be a benefit that the clock is not part of the church structure. Margaret Velie noted the need to fix the application, as it now states the town owns the clock.

**Elizabeth Dionne made the motion to recommend favorable action at town meeting for the Belmont Tower Clock at First Church for \$66,250, pending indicating church ownership of the clock, passed with 5 Yeas and 1 Abstention.**

### **Town Meeting Preparations and Project Updates**

- Warrant Committee (WC) Meeting March 6, 2019
  - Letters have been emailed to sponsors regarding WC meeting Wednesday, March 6, pending start time. Glen Castro will follow up with start time and update all sponsors including the two sponsors mentioned above.
- Board of Selectmen Meeting
  - Tom Caputo will request to get on the BOS meeting agenda for 3/18 pending confirmation from Adam Dash and Patrice Garvin.
- Capital Budget Committee (CBC) Meeting
  - Floyd Carman stated that is more of a courtesy for CBC to review CPA grant funding projects.

### **Project Updates FY16-FY19:**

FY16

- Homer House Rehabilitation and Restoration – Floyd Carman stated that this project is close to completion

FY17

- Winn Brook Tennis Courts
  - Will close at next CPC meeting
- Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond – project is currently on hold
- 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

- Grove Street Tennis Courts – Glen Castro will follow up with Jay Marcotte
- Sherman Gardens – Gloria Leipzig stated a contract was signed and vendors will be attending the Housing Authority Board meeting two weeks from now to discuss their plans
- Sons of Italy – Glen Castro will update project list and the possibility of being closed at next CPC meeting
- Grove Street Site Plan – will be closed at next CPC meeting

FY19

Funds Set Aside to Housing Trust – Gloria Leipzig stated that CPC approved the agreement but does the agreement needs to back to the Board of Selectmen. Tom Caputo stated that the BOS were supportive of the agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro