

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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Minutes: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM
Present: Margaret Velie, Floyd Carman, Stephen Pinkerton, Elizabeth Dionne, David Kane, Roy Epstein
Other: Tomi Olson, Erin Lubien, Brian Stan, Patrice Garvin, Glen Castro
Absent: Andy Rojas, Gloria Leipzig, Lisa Harrington

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

Approved Minutes

- Motion to approve Regular meeting minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, April 10, 2019, passed unanimously.
 - Stephen Pinkerton moved to approve meeting minutes as amended subject to receiving the change from Elizabeth Dionne.

Town Meeting and FY20 Project Updates

Veterans Memorial - Floyd Carman stated the change in leadership and the change order for the Veterans Memorial Park project has slowed down the construction of Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond due to the impact of lighting fixtures about \$40K worth of electrical work to be completed by the contractor. The town Treasurer will not sign off on CPA payments for the Veterans Memorial project unless a check has been received from the Veterans for the \$40K.

Oversight - Margaret Velie noted the question(s) at town meeting on the oversight of CPA projects.

Payson Park Bandstand - Elizabeth Dionne stated that she had reported to the Warrant Committee (WC) that the abutters were onboard for the Payson Park Music Festival project, based on the presentation provided by the project sponsor. Stephen Pinkerton stated that when two abutters reported at town meeting that they weren't notified it has to be taken seriously. Roy Epstein stated defending the project was difficult if the abutters were to object and that Patrice Garvin was trying to reach out to Glenn Clancy on notification of abutters for public meeting. Floyd Carman stated that if Tomi Olson were at town meeting to defend this project it would have been different ball game. Margaret Velie stated that the major issue didn't seem to be with the project but with the design. Roy Epstein noted that the starting point for the project was to make use of the existing rectangular pad and not to construct their circular gazebo. Floyd Carman stated that Linda Oates mentioned not only the gazebo versus the design was the issue but with not notifying of the abutters as well. Patrice Garvin stated that Glenn Clancy provided

the addresses and had been at town meeting he couldn't remember since the notices went out in December 2017.

Tomi Olson stated that the public meeting was December 14, 2017. The notices went out prior to that by Community Development. Tomi Olson stated that she spoke with Mike Widmer and he was unclear what indefinite meant as well. Mike Widmer will email George Hall for clarification on indefinite - whether this June town meeting - as of today no word from Mike Widmer. Floyd Carman stated two options June 2019 town meeting or May 2020 town meeting. Elizabeth Dionne stated CPC can bring it up in June 2019 and that it will likely get defeated. Tomi Olson stated that Erin Lubien was in attendance as she participated on knocking on abutter doors. Floyd Carman stated the key is to have a public meeting.

Brian Stan provided some background on a "gazebo" for Payson Park Music Festival. A number of years ago. Braintree offered their old gazebo. Community Development determined it would cost more to transport and reconstruct the gazebo at Payson Park than build a new one. Tomi Olson stated that the band instruments wouldn't be fully covered by a "gazebo" versus a bandstand. Instead, funds were donated and a rectangular concrete pad was built.

Other – Stephen Pinkerton stated Michael Chesson, who spoke at TM about pollution in Clay Pit Pond, should come to CPC with proposal for Clay Pit Pond study for cleanup.

Margaret Velie stated that award letters will be emailed to sponsors for FY20 projects. Margaret Velie asked if there were other comments on town meeting. Floyd Carman stated the format for the CPA projects should be one night and that projects should not be rushed per sponsors.

Tower Clock at First Church Discussion

The project is on hold as the church is looking into legal counsel. Roy Epstein stated the clock is owned by the church. Fundraising was discussed and Adam Dash's draft rules suggest ten percent is a reasonable contribution for private fundraising. With Adam Dash's language and the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, the ten percent contribution could be waived for private fundraising. It was noted that to date we have used 5%.

Community Path Phase 1b – Roy Epstein emphasized that we should get a design that at least goes to Belmont Center. Steve Pinkerton stated that that was the instruction to the design team.

CPA Plan Update

Margaret Velie emphasized the need to get a public opinion on the CPA Plan. Floyd Carman stated Weston has two full time staff members supporting CPA, and it is the Town that drives CPA and not the residents. CPC in Belmont receives projects. Elizabeth Dionne would like to bankroll money for Town Field Playground project. Floyd Carman stated that town meeting will have to approve the funding. Stephen Pinkerton stated that the Community Path should meet with CPC and advocate their project.

Other Business

- Administrative Expenses – Floyd Carman moved to approve Glen Castro’s administrative expenses \$595, passed unanimously.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro