

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

Minutes: Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM
Present: Margaret Velie, Floyd Carman, Stephen Pinkerton, Elizabeth Dionne, Gloria Leipzig, David Kane, Lisa Harrington,
Other: Glen Castro
Absent: Andy Rojas, Roy Epstein

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

Approved Minutes

- Motion to approve Regular meeting minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, March 13, 2019, passed unanimously.
 - Gloria Leipzig moved to approve meeting minutes as amended.

CPA Plan/CPA Rules – including Fundraising and Stabilization Fund

CPC reviewed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Rules drafted by Adam Dash. Gloria Leipzig inquired that both the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the Community Preservation Committee would amend the CPA rules. Floyd Carman stated the BOS role is to agree to the projects. CPC recommends the projects. Town meeting approves the funding.

Stephen Pinkerton suggested CPC give the guidelines to BOS to weigh in on projects and not to approve or disapprove projects. Elizabeth Dionne suggested having additional process for church projects included as part of the CPA rules to ensure that we are complying with guidance provided by the supreme judicial courts. CPC currently has a process in place. She noted that the Warrant Committee passed CPC projects with favorable recommendation but tabled the tower clock project. Stephen Pinkerton stated that CPC has done their due diligence by asking Community Preservation Coalition (CPC) and town counsel. CPC has approved the tower clock project, identified the funding source, and it meets the CPC criteria for historic preservation.

Margaret Velie raised her concern having the CPA rules versus CPA plan. Floyd Carman suggested to table for next CPC meeting. Gloria Leipzig noted that whether the guidelines or CPA plan, groups need to know the ten percent fundraising goal for the project. David Kane inquired whether the ten percent is mandated by state. Margaret Velie stated that is part of Adam Dash's draft CPA rules. Stephen Pinkerton stated that the term "may" versus "shall" is included on the CPA rules as part of the funding application paragraph 3 drafted by Adam Dash. Elizabeth Dionne agreed to change the term "may" and from ten percent to five percent contribution of the total cost of the CPA project. Gloria Leipzig inquired when revisions are made to projects under paragraph 4.

Elizabeth Dionne stated that there needs to be one document CPA rules integrated with CPA plan including special rules for church projects.

Town Meeting Preparation

Lisa Harrington stated that Historic District Commission (HDC) has approved the tower clock project. HDC will email letter of support to CPC.

Project Updates

- Sherman Gardens – contracts awarded in January, environmental consultant beginning work
- Grove Street Park Path – construction bid awarded

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro