TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes: Thursday, September 17, 2015, Town Hall Selectmen's Room, 7:00PM
Present: Floyd Carman, Anthony Ferrante, Margaret Velie, Jim Williams
Absent: Liz Allison, Lisa Harrington, Gloria Leipzig, Anne Marie Mahoney, Andres Rojas
Other: Michael Trainor

Margaret Velie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Introductory Remarks
Margaret Velie provided a history of the CPA in Belmont, including an explanation of how funding is derived from both a surcharge on property tax bills and from the annual State Match.

Summary of Approved Projects – May 2013, 2014, and 2015
Floyd Carman reviewed some of the more prominent CPA projects that have received funding during the past three years, including the Underwood Pool, Joey's Park, and the Electrical Upgrades to Belmont Village. It was noted that none of the CPA projects in Belmont would have likely received funding under the Town's normal operational budget.

Project Eligibility
Floyd Carman reviewed the CPA eligibility spreadsheet, emphasizing that a project must fit into at least one of the three asset categories and predetermined action verbs in order to be considered for CPA grant funding.

Application Process and Timeline
Margaret Velie gave a brief overview of the application process, adding that approved CPA projects must be completed within thirty (30) months of the award date.

Questions
- The CPC confirmed that, as of September 17, 2015, an application for the Community Path Project had not been submitted.
- While the Town is required to appropriate a certain percentage of funds for Open Space/Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing, it was noted that there is not a minimum annually spending requirement. Any funds not expended during the fiscal year, the CPC explained, are "rolled into next year's budget."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Trainor