

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING: MINUTES

**Veterans Memorial Community Center, 2 Mayflower Street
February 20, 2014 4:00 pm**

Members present: Dorothy Palanza, James Hall, Ann Maguire, Kristin Hatch, Barbara Prato, Judy Cicero, Eric Dray, and Stephen Milkewicz

Other attendees: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Hearing FY 2015 CPA Funding Applications Review:

Province Landing Community Gardens: Province Landing withdrew application and may resubmit next year.

B-Street Garden Stormwater Project: Brian Carlson and Dennis Minsky present for applicants. Request is for full project from start to finish. There will be some maintenance by DPW overtime as solids settle similar to catch basin cleaning. Applied for state funding unsuccessfully. No other funds known. Not permitted to tie into sewer. If partially funded, could do study and research but not implement. Plants to be determined as part of the treatment process into the detention pond. The entire area is previously filled wetland already disturbed area. Budget – check budget looks like part of design double counted. If project is not done, the outfall pipe continues flowing untreated into the pond. Not a state order or mandate. People have been complaining for years. Quaking bog and pond need protection.

Trails: Lisa Westervelt and Dennis Minsky represent applicants -- Conservation Trust and Conservation Committee. Note Dorothy Palanza and Steve Milkewicz are Trustees on the Conservation Trust. They removed the Route 6 crossing from scope and added bike racks at trail heads. Eventually there will be a handbook directing people to cross at the light. Same budget - \$43,214 for phase 1. They intend to apply for PARC funds in future and may apply for matching funds for future boardwalk.

Pilgrim Memorial Park: Mick Rudd as Chair of Visitor Services Board represents applicant noted this is an important piece of the commemoration. General discussion about the need for a plan with an overall vision that includes all interested parties such as Historic, PMPM, VSB, etc. VSB is marketing organization that tries to improve amenities for visitors. No need for an engineer, a preservationist can analyze Bas Relief. Mr. Rudd pointed out that 2020 and the time leading up to it is our largest opportunity for economic development. The Bas Relief stood out as the Mayflower Compact is perhaps more important. What about historic landscape research? PMPM should be part of the conversation; their future plans could impact this plan. The Acting Town Manager pointed out that the Tourism Director is not a Preservation Planner and it would be helpful if someone could give direction on 1st steps so we don't lose a year. Need to have a meeting of all parties for coordination of this project as well as the vision for 2020. Who is responsible long term? Should be representative committee, should include historic, art commission and others.

Winthrop Street Cemetery: Richard Olson, Cemetery Commission Chairman passed around copy of the stone conservation report. The dune restoration and pathways phase has a Request for Proposals underway. This request is for the final phase for signage to tell the story and to wrap up any loose ends of the Assessment. Next they will start with the Gifford and Hamilton Cemeteries. Cemetery Commission did some work and will be doing a study. The Historic Commission had no questions and is thrilled with the work. Could the request

allow for funds to go the other cemeteries? Since request and advertisement explicitly were for Winthrop Street Cemetery, not advisable.

Housing Office: no comments except support the housing requests.

“Little Fix:” Judy Cicero inquired about insurance coverage. The Acting Town Manager indicated that the Town has done this with other projects that use volunteers. There will be coverage. Ann Maguire indicated that this would be for very small projects – no roof replacements, etc. Goal is to preserve housing. There will be case-by-case evaluation.

Local Voucher Program: no comments

Eric Dray MOVE to approve the modified application for the Pilgrim Memorial Park for \$20,000 to hire a conservation firm to develop a conservation plan for the Bas Relief and other monuments on site and \$10,000 to hire a Landscape Architect to develop conceptual plans for the overall park including analysis of historic plans; Ann Maguire second; approved 8-0.

Eric Dray MOVE to approve the Winthrop Street Cemetery application for the final phase as submitted for signage and historical information for \$30,000; Ann Maguire second; approved 8-0.

Barbara Prato MOVE to approve \$67,475 for the Housing Office; Kristin Hatch second; approved 8-0.

Ann Maguire MOVE to approve \$30,000 for the “Little Fix;” James Hall second; approved 8-0.

Ann Maguire MOVE to approve \$180,000 for the Local Voucher Program; Barbara Prato second; approved 8-0.

Steve Milkewicz MOVE to approve \$43,214 for the Connected Trails project; Barbara Prato second; approved 7-0-1 [KH].

Barbara Prato MOVE to approve \$153,100 for the Conservation Park Stormwater Drainage project; Steve Milkewicz second; approved 8-0.

Town Meeting CPA Percentage Split Change Proposal:

The Community Housing Council is proposing an amendment at Town meeting to revert the percentage split of CPA funds to better reflect original adoption as support primarily for affordable housing. Proposal is for 60% Housing, 10% Historic Preservation, 10% open space/rec, 20% open. Original adoption 80% Housing; 10% each Historic Preservation and open space/rec. Amended for town hall project to standard split 10% each category with 70% unallocated.

Eric Dray is opposed believes flexibility needs to be there. Town meeting has voted in support of housing projects. Dorothy Palanza indicated that within the Housing crisis, a project could even potentially apply for historic preservation funds. Barbara Prato doesn't like tying hands, prefers flexibility. Trust that as projects come up, we will use money appropriately. Steve Milkewicz is afraid of the unknown; what if a hurricane rips the roof off of

town hall? Kristin Hatch objected to the first amendment to change the spit to fit the circumstances; advocates for new change. We could have a beautiful historic town with no one living here. Dorothy Palanza believes the current split is more flexible helps all areas. Judy Cicero indicated that they were very sensitive to the needs of the town and can fund what's needed; likes the flexibility.

James Hall MOVE CPA split remains as is; Eric Dray second; approved 6-1[KH]-1 [AM].

Documents:

CPA Allowable Uses Chart

Chart of all CPA approved projects to date.

Adjourned 6:16 pm.

Submitted by:

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