Weymouth Community Preservation Committee

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 7PM

Mary McElroy Meeting Room-McCulloch Building

182 Green Street

Weymouth, MA

Members Present:

Christopher Hannan

Walter Flynn
Ed Harrington
Karen Johnston
Victor Pap
George Loring

Members Absent:

Pat O'Leary Mark Schneider

Daniel Condon

· Also Present:

Kate Marshall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Public Hearing FY17 Community Preservation Budget

The FY 17 Community Preservation Budget was discussed. A Powerpoint slideshow was presented by Chairman Hannan. Ms. Marshall stated that the Committee entertains applications for how funds should be spent. These recommendations are submitted to the Mayor who submits to Town Council to determine the best use of funds. There are three mandatory areas that are considered in the review. They are; 1. Open space; 2. Historic; 3. Community housing.

The estimated FY17 budget revenue is \$776,000. There is \$357,087 in the general reserve.

Ms. Marshall provided an update regarding the Kibby Property. \$389,000 has been appropriated, \$378,051 has been expended/encumbered, and the balance is \$10,949. The walkway will be paved in the spring.

Chairman Hannan provided an update on the state grant for Pond Meadow Park. He stated that Pond Meadow is waiting to hear if the award will be granted in the coming year. It was not received last year. \$50,000 has been allocated, not expended, for \$25,000 of work.

Ms. Marshall reported that the RFP for the landscaping architects for the Back River Trail is due on March 4, 2016.

The Measure for cameras at Lakeview Manor was withdrawn.

The Emery Estate Driveway and Parking Design was discussed. Chairman Hannan stated that he is uncomfortable with additional funds allocated to this property without a CFO in place.

Chairman Hannan asked about the conservation restriction for Woodbine Road. Ms. Marshall let him know that there are a few outstanding conservation restrictions that the CPC should be looking to put in place. The Planning Department will discuss with the Town Solicitor.

At this time Mr. Harrington made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Pap and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to open the public hearing.

Normand Grenier thanked the Committee for funds to assist in the work on North Street. He stated that there are 12 fewer homeless due to the funding of the work.

Cathy Torrey spoke on behalf of Abigail Adams Historical Society. The funds have been used for electricity to the home and a new request will be made in the future for additional funds to use to increase the visibility nationwide. Having heat has allowed them to expand programs and they have been a resource for Mass Historical. Ms. Torrey stated that without CPC funding this would not have been possible.

Having no further public comment, Mr. Hannan made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Mr. Harrington and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CPA Funding Request North Street Project

Mr. Pap recused himself from participating in the discussion as he deals with Father Bill's & Mainspring in his working role at DHCD.

North Street Project (continued)-Normand Grenier, President, provided clarification in follow up to the original presentation made on January 7, 2016. He submitted a letter clarifying the committee's concerns. Mr. Harrington stated that he would like a contract or a pilot agreement in place. Ms. Marshall stated that the affordable housing goal is 10 percent and the Town is currently at 8.5 percent. Chairman Hannan asked if Father Bill's has reached out to the neighbors since acquiring the property. The property is home to 12 rooms that share common spaces and all 12 rooms were occupied at the time of the purchase. Mr. Harrington raised the issue of income verification. He stated that it is appropriate to ask for paystubs and for this to be monitored as it is public money so there needs to be public accountability. Ms. Marshall stated that the Planning Department will meet with the Town Solicitor to discuss and get back to the committee.

Mr. Flynn made a MOTION to continue this discussion pending resolution of the concerns of the committee and input from the Town Solicitor; specifically regarding a Deed Restriction, PILOT agreement, and income qualifications/verifications for current and future tenants and was seconded by Ms. Johnston and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

There were no public comments.

Other Business

Yearly dues in the amount of \$2,875 for the Community Preservation Coalition.

A MOTION to pay the yearly dues of the Community Preservation Coalition in the amount of \$2,875 was made by Mr. Flynn and was seconded by Ms. Johnston and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes – January 7, 2016

A MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016, Community Preservation Committee was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Harrington and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Adjournment

Having no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Harrington to adjourn the meeting and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie S. Burt

Recording Secretary

Christopher Hannan

Chairman, Community Preservation Committee