

Community Preservation Committee

February 28, 2017

Police Station Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Dissette called a regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee to order at 7:02 p.m. He introduced Jim McCarthy, the new representative to the Committee from the Planning Board.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Mike Dissette, Jane Healey, Paul O'Brien, Don Little, Paul Healy, Jim McCarthy, Sarah White and Dan Koen. Steve Sawyer was absent. Also in attendance was Kate Newhall-Smith.

3. General Business

Minutes

Paul O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting as submitted. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Jim McCarthy abstaining.

FY2018 Draft Budget

The estimated available funds for FY2018 total \$776,606.34. This is based on an assumed 18% match of \$142,387.53. Surcharge revenue is expected to be \$791,041.83. The balance in the Community Preservation Fund is \$252,400.98, bringing the amount of available funds to \$1,185,830.34. The FY2018 obligations total \$409,070.00. There is \$429,965.98 in the open space reserves and \$26,803.50 in the community housing reserves. Kate Newhall-Smith will ask Ethan Manning to review the draft budget and confirm the Community Preservation Fund does not include any amounts that have already been appropriated.

4. Schedule

The first project review will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, which will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Reviews will also take place on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Deliberations are planned for Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The first item on the agenda at the next meeting will be a discussion of any applications that might not meet the eligibility requirement of the Community Preservation Act. The Committee members were asked to review the grant applications and inform Kate Newhall-Smith by Monday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. if they have any concerns with regards to project eligibility. Any applications about which there are questions would not be scheduled for the first review.

The City has submitted an application for \$3 million for the acquisition of Evergreen Golf Course, which is owned by the family of Dan Koen. He has filed a conflict disclosure form with the Mayor's office. He may need to recuse himself from all of the deliberations.

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5. New Business

A letter was received from the Community Preservation Committee in the town of Scituate, which is seeking assistance in amending the Community Preservation Act to allow the purchase of non-motorized water vehicles on the basis this would be equivalent to the acquisition of equipment for land-based playgrounds. The members discussed the difficulties that action might pose. It might interfere with the yearly attempt to put into place a permanent funding mechanism from the State Trust Fund. Paul Healy moved to not support the request. Sarah White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Kate Newhall-Smith will draft a letter for Mike Dissette to review and sign.

6. Adjournment

Paul Healy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Jane Healey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.