

Community Preservation Committee

May 22, 2012

Newburyport Public Library

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Dissette at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Mike Dissette, Paul Healy, Judith Grohe, Don Little, and Margaret Welch. Emily Wentworth was also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Mike Dissette moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting as submitted. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Don Little said he had not participated in the vote on administrative expenses at that meeting but he would like the record to reflect that he supports the expenditure.

4. Quarterly Status Reports

A quarterly status report was received for the YWCA Market Street Apartments.

5. Draft Recommendations for FY13 Appropriations and Reservations

Committee members reviewed a draft of the order that will be sent to the City Council. Mike Dissette commended Emily Wentworth for her work.

Paul Healy said the category specific criteria for recreation proposals should be amended. Currently projects that maximize the utility of land already owned by the City are eligible. The criteria should be amended to include the creation of new facilities.

Mike Dissette said that for all projects for which a preservation restriction is required, the recommendations should indicate that NHC approval is needed before work may begin.

Paul Healy said the description of the award to the Belleville Church was well done, as the project was not fully funded. The recommendation sets priorities for, but does not limit, the work that might be undertaken with the appropriation. Mike Dissette commented that the recommendation should state the appropriation is for the Belleville Congregational Church rather than the church's restoration group.

Mike Dissette said the summary of the Custom House Building Preservation Project should indicate the funding is recommended for the *continued* implementation of the recommendations in the draft Conservation Assessment Report.

Emily Wentworth said she would clarify in a letter to Street Tree Committee that the recommendation for the Green Street tree-planting project does not include the proposed tree nursery.

Mike Dissette moved that the recommendations for FY13 appropriations and reservations as amended be submitted to the City Council for its June 11 meeting. Judith Grohe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. At that meeting the document might be sent to

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the Budget and Finance and Planning and Development subcommittees and might be considered by the full Council in July.

Don Little asked about the status of the work of the Affordable Housing Trust. Emily Wentworth said the group has completed a housing needs assessment and the consultant has produced a five-year plan that sets forth housing priorities. To date \$33,000 of the \$40,000 authorized has been spent. She said if the City adopts the plan and is able to create the recommended number of housing units each year, an unfriendly 40-B project could be denied.

6. Adjournment

Mike Dissette moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will take place on Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.