

Community Preservation Committee

October 23, 2018

Police Station Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Dissette called a regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were Mike Dissette, Don Little, Jane Healey, Paul Healy, Dan Koen and Mark Rosen. Sarah White was absent.

3. Annual Public Information Meeting

The Community Preservation Committee is required by law to hold an annual meeting at which input or questions are taken from the public on the needs, possibilities and resources of the City for the acquisition and preservation of open space and recreational resources, historic resources and affordable housing. No members of the public attended the meeting to ask questions about or make suggestions for the next grant cycle.

4. Request for Funding for Clipper City Rail Trail

Andy Port and Geordie Vining presented a request for emergency funding for the second phase of the Rail Trail. The scope of work for the project is being expanded due to unforeseen circumstances. CPA funding in the amount of \$175,000 is being requested for the design and engineering of 1,200 feet of trail behind the waste water treatment facility. Testing revealed the presence of contaminants in the soil that must be removed. In addition, recent storm surges have scoured the shoreline, making it evident that the former plans to stabilize the shoreline through the use of coir bags and plantings would not be sufficient. It is estimated that \$275,000 would be necessary for the temporary stabilization of the shoreline and soil remediation. The \$100,000 above that which is being requested would be available from another source. A long-term solution would then be developed, which would involve increasing the elevation of the Rail Trail through the construction of a revetment.

Mike Dissette moved to accept the application for emergency funding for the Clipper City Rail Trail Phase II. Mark Rosen seconded the motion.

Mark Rosen moved to recommend to City Council that the emergency funds being sought for the Rail Trail be approved and withdrawn from the general reserves. Jane Healey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. FY2019 Recommendation for Funding for Custom House Maritime Museum

At the June 26, 2016 meeting, the CPC voted to recommend to City Council that \$101,914 be awarded to the Newburyport Maritime Society for the replacement of the slate roof on the Custom House. City Council did not vote to fund the project due to the debate on whether the property should be transferred to the City or the Maritime Society. An order for the appropriation has been refiled. As a procedural matter, the CPC must again make the recommendation in order for City Council to take action.

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Mike Dissette moved to recommend to City Council an award to the Newburyport Maritime Society in the amount of \$101,914 for the Custom House slate roof replacement. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. General Business

A. Approval of Minutes

Dan Koen moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018, meeting. Mark Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Paul Healy abstaining.

B. Status of CP-3 Reporting

Kate Newhall-Smith has completed the CP-3 report.

C. Committee Elections

Dan Koen moved to elect Mike Dissette as chair of the CPC. Mark Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Paul Healy moved to elect Jane Healey as vice chair of the CPC. Dan Koen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Status of Preservation Restrictions

Jane Healey will contact the Masonic Temple about the \$12,500 in CPA funds that would not be released until the preservation restriction has been finalized.

E. Draft FY2020 Grant Application

The members recommended that language on preservation restrictions be added to the front page of the application and that current cost estimates be required.

7. Upcoming Schedule

The next meetings of the CPC would be scheduled for Tuesday, November 27 and Tuesday, December 18 if necessary.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.