

## **Community Preservation Committee**

April 24, 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 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

In attendance were Mike Dissette, Don Little, Jane Healey, Paul Healy, Mark Rosen, Dan Koen, Steve Sawyer and Sarah White. Joe Lamb was absent. Kate Newhall-Smith was also in attendance.

### **3. FY2019 Applications for CPA Funding**

#### **Open Space and Recreation Plan Update**

Office of Planning and Development

\$30,000

Andy Port said the Open Space and Recreation Plan is generally updated every five years. The plan is needed in order for the City to be eligible for certain State open space and recreation grants. Most of the funds requested would be used to hire a consultant, with a small amount set aside for advertising and copying.

#### **Cushing House Laundry Yard and Courtyard**

Historical Society of Old Newbury

\$19,617

Sarah White disclosed she was once an employee of the Historical Society of Old Newbury. Susan Edwards said the cobblestone courtyard is treacherous. The funds requested would be used to make the courtyard more accessible while retaining its historic integrity. The gate would be widened and the bricks and cobblestones would be re-laid. Last year the City Council had delayed the approval of CPA funding for a Historical Society project on the grounds an additional public benefit should be included with each grant request. A preservation restriction had already been placed on the entire property. The issue was resolved through the submission of a statement indicating the property is open for events and community use.

#### **YWCA Women's Residence**

YWCA of Greater Newburyport

\$20,000

Judy Tymon said three bathrooms serve the 14 single-use residences in one of the YWCA buildings on Market Street. The funds being sought would be used to modernize one of these bathrooms for the comfort and convenience of the residents. Any excess funds would be used to acquire furniture for the common space. The items would be eligible for CPA funding because they would support residents living in an affordable housing facility.

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**Kelleher Gardens Community Building Generator**

Newburyport Housing Authority

\$13,000

Tracy Watson, Executive Director of the Newburyport Housing Authority, spoke of the need for an emergency generator for the community building. During power outages the lack of refrigeration can be especially burdensome to the lower-income residents of the City. The facility would be available to the general public in an emergency if needed. The acquisition would be eligible for CPA funding because the generator would support residents living in an affordable housing facility.

**4. Minutes**

Dan Koen moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018, meeting. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Upcoming Schedule**

The next meeting of the CPC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. The third round of presentations will take place at that meeting, with deliberations scheduled for the June 26 meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.