

## **Community Preservation Committee**

May 28, 2019

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.

### **2. Roll Call**

In attendance were Dan Koen, Don Little, Paul Healy, Karen Popken, Jane Healey, Ron Zimba, Mike Dissette, Don Walters and Mark Rosen.

### **3. Emergency Application for NHS Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project Phase 3**

Steve Bergholm said the amount requested for the third phase of the work to restore the exterior woodwork at the high school was based on an engineer's estimate, which erroneously assumed that man lifts could be used. The bids received were higher than expected due to the need to instead use scaffolding. An additional \$110,903 is being requested to complete the work.

Dan Koen moved accept the application for \$110,903 for emergency funding for the NHS Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project Phase 3. Mark Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Don Walters moved to deliberate on the application for emergency funding with the other grant applications and to not considerate it as a stand-alone application. Ron Ziemba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **4. Clipper City Rail Trail Phase 3 Request for Project Amendment**

Andy Port attended the April meeting and asked the Committee members to send a letter to City Council requesting that a condition it made to spend CPA money only in Newburyport be removed.

Don Walters moved to send a letter to City Council requesting that it reverse its decision to place a condition on the award of funds for the third phase of the Rail Trail that would require that all monies associated with the work shall be used only for sections of the Rail Trail within the City of Newburyport. Don Little seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **5. Deliberations on FY20 Applications for Community Preservation Funds**

A total of \$2,471,775 was requested in ten applications and one emergency request was received for \$110,903. The CPA fund balance is \$304,611 and the estimated FY2020 revenue is \$1,048,493, bringing the total amount of available funds to \$1,353,104. After deducting \$150,470 for the FY2020 obligations, the estimated total amount of available funds would be \$1,202,634. A cushion of approximately \$34,000 would be retained.

The committee members deliberated over their recommendations to City Council for Community Preservation Funds. To focus the discussion, Mike Dissette asked for a show of hands from members who would support funding an application in any amount. At least five members of the Committee indicated for each project they would recommend some amount of

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funding, with the exception of the Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration Northwest Corner Improvement.

Paul Healy moved to recommend to City Council that the Fuller Field Track Renovation Phase 2 be funded in the amount of \$694,820 with the payment source being a bond with an annual debt service that does not exceed \$55,000.

Dan Koen moved to recommend to City Council that \$110,903 be awarded for the emergency request for the NHS Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project Phase 3. Jane Healey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dan Koen moved to recommend to City Council that \$13,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Tree Commission for the Gateway Trees Phase 2. Don Little seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Don Walters moved to recommend to City Council that \$325,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Housing Authority for the Kelleher Gardens Siding Project. Dan Koen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dan Koen moved to recommend to City Council that \$59,430 be awarded to the Historical Society of Old Newbury for the Cushing House Electrical System. Ron Ziembra seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of eight to one.

Dan Koen moved to recommend to City Council that \$250,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Planning Office for the Riverfront Trail Gap Project/Clipper City Rail Trail Phase II. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Paul Healy moved to recommend to City Council that \$100,000 be added to the Open Space Reserves. Mark Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dan Koen moved to recommend to City Council that \$100,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Maritime Society for the Custom House Maritime Museum Interior Climate Control Systems Upgrade. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of three to six.

Ron Ziembra moved to recommend to City Council that \$84,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Public Schools for the NHS Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project Phase 4. Mark Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ron Ziembra moved to recommend to City Council that \$83,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Parks Department for the Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration Walkway Improvements and \$75,000 be awarded to the Newburyport Maritime Society for the Custom House Maritime Museum Interior Climate Control Systems Upgrade. Mike Dissette seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of seven to two.

No funding was recommended for the Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration Northwest Corner Improvement.

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Mike Dissette moved to recommend that City Council approve payments of \$126,130 for the stadium bond and \$12,340 for the Cherry Hill bond. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Dissette moved to recommend that City Council approve payments of up to \$12,000 for administrative expenses. Dan Koen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6. Minutes**

Ron Ziemba moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019, meeting. Jane Healey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**7. Upcoming Schedule**

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.