

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Date: April 28, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Didi Chadran, Beth Williams, Doug Thornton, Jo Ward, John Lee, Stacia Donahoe

Absent: Pam Marston, Fran Nickerson, Michelle Catalina

Guests: Arielle Jennings – CPC candidate

Meeting was convened at 7:32 pm.

1. Roll Call, Sound Check were done. Preamble, Rules for Participation, and Reminder that meeting materials are available online and that this meeting is being recorded were read by Didi Chadran.
2. Public Comment Period: None
3. Review Minutes from 3/24/2021 Meeting – Minutes approved as written.
4. Introduction: Arielle Jennings, Applicant for CPC Membership. Resident of Harvard for 2 years. Originally from Cambridge, MA. Runs a Boston based non-profit working with public schools. Passionate about local civic engagement. CPC unanimously recommends that we accept Arielle. Didi will forward this recommendation to Select Board for approval.
5. Treasurer's Report - No change from last month. Going to town meeting with budget submitted.

Submission of Amended Grant Application Summary to Select Board: Didi submitted the amended Grant Application summary to the Select Board.

6. Charter Bylaw Update
 - a. CPC members now nominated, no longer elected by popular vote
 - b. Other prospective updates, e.g., shift to 2 call for Applications: This issue has already been covered in the 2013 revision of the Rules & Regulations.
 - c. Constraints on out of cycle application.
 - d. Timetable
7. Opening Application Window for 2021 Fall Town Meeting: Tabled until May meeting.
 - Charter/Bylaw Implications
 - Schedule Items
 - Public Notice

- Deadline
- Review Dates
- Warrant Article Submission

8. Procedural Question: Should we warrant to fund CPC reserve first, then fund applicants from reserve? Tabled to May meeting.
9. State Contribution: Do we need to increase the Affordable Housing Reserve amount? No, this has already been factored into our figures for this year.

10. Other Business

- a. The Historical Commission has decided not to proceed with Shaker Herb Shed at fall Town Meeting.
- b. No applications have been received for MAHT emergency rental/mortgage assistance.

11. Action Item Recap

- a. Beth will take first stab at updating bylaws with input from CPC membership.
- b. Didi will send Rules & Regulations to CPC and Arielle Jennings for review.
- c. Didi will forward CPC recommendation for Arielle Jennings for open CPC seat.
- d. John will look into the Coalition's recommendation regarding reserve funds.
- e. Check into funds for MAHT rental assistance.

12. Adjourned at 9:00pm.