

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Date: November 15, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Stu Sklar, Jane Biering, Doug Thornton, Beth Williams, Todd Currie, John Lee

Guests: Rose Miranda-Harvard Town Clerk, Peter Dorward, Margaret Sisson, Eve Wittenburg

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and 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 the Chair.
2. Public Comment Period: No comments
3. Review/Approve Minutes October 25, 2023 minutes were approved, as amended.
4. Treasurer update, Review of Statutory funding Jane checked the revenue number with Catherine Bowen. Local collections may run shy of Jane's prior projection. Jared Mullane and Catherine Bowen are looking into the extra \$500.00 that has appeared in our account.
5. Review and Vote on applications:
 - a. Town Clerk, Municipal Record Preservation: requesting \$13,000 to finish this project would be about \$31,275.00. This request for \$31,275.00 was unanimously approved.
 - b. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), Emerson Green: \$190,000 - Tabled until December meeting.
 - c. MAHT annual funding: We are above the statutory level - Tabled until the December meeting.
 - d. Conservation Commission-Conservation Fund: \$200,000 is requested to replenish the CPA Conservation fund it uses to protect Open Space in Harvard. John Lee presented the Open Space & Recreation Plan Survey results. There are at least 4 parcels of land that will be coming on the market in the next few years with possible asking prices of around \$1M each. Application funding was approved by a 5/1 vote (Thornton – Nay)
 - e. Con Com-Invasive Plant Management: \$35,000. Wendy Sisson presented a historical view of prior projects. Methods of control include mowing and the judicious use of herbicides, often applied to trees, brush, or vine stumps, after cutting. The majority of the work is contracted out. Otherwise, volunteer work. The applicant addressed the issues raised by the Climate Action Initiative Committee for each project. CPC accepted the applicant's responses

as reasonable. The application request was increased to \$50,000.00. The amended request was unanimously approved.

- f. Transportation Advisory Committee, Greenway Network: \$10,000 This request is Out of scope for CPC funds per Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition.
- 6. Administrative Funds
- 7. Acknowledgement signs-December meeting
- 8. Discussion Items
 - a. -Topics for the next meeting
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Important Dates:

12/13/2023	Next CPC Meeting
1/5/2024	Financial Warrant Articles Due
2/6/2024	Budget Recommendation Due
4/6/2024	Annual Town Meeting
4/9/2024	Town Elections