



Community Preservation Committee

March 17, 2021

7:00 pm

Present: Larry Lindner, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee; Charlie Byrne, Vice Chair; Vicki Donlan, Kirsten Moore, Kevin Burke, and Megan Buhr. Julie Stehle from AdCom also attended.

Call to order: Larry Lindner called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Larry read the order issued by Governor Baker dated March 12, 2020 regarding regulations for Open Meeting Law via Zoom. The meeting was recorded.

Larry discussed the Bare Cove Park Committee decision to formally request that the CPC withdraw the request for the bathroom from the Town Warrant. They made the request due to the joint meeting of BOS and AdCom where questions about operations etc. were asked. Granted, the BOS at a later meeting voted to approve the bathroom request. However, many members of AdCom remained concerned about the bathroom plan. At the next AdCom meeting, Claudia Eaton of the Bare Cove Park Committee shared her thoughts, and AdCom voted 10 to 4 for no action on the bathroom. The Bare Cove Park Committee then met to discuss operations and concerns, and its decision, by a formal vote of 6-1, was to withdraw the application for the bathroom. Town Counsel had previously weighed in that the CPC needed to re-vote the plan to remove it from the Town Meeting Warrant, not the Bare Cove Park Committee.

Kevin Burke asked whether we could use the money (\$67,800) to pay down debt. Larry suggested that it was not in the spirit of what CPC does to reappropriate money after our January meeting and that we should focus on deciding whether to accommodate the Bare Cove Park Committee's request. Kevin suggested that it might be easier to understand the warrant if we voted to spend all of the money. Megan suggested that it go to affordable housing. Larry said it was not possible with the time issue of the warrant going to press; a different amount recommended for affordable housing would have to be subsequently voted on by both BOS and AdCom.

Vicki said that the money would be kept for next year's asks and that this has been done in the past. Kevin suggested that since the entire committee was not present the money should not be allocated to something else. Megan agreed.

Charlie agreed that especially since a plan for the money was not on the current agenda, putting it aside for next year's asks made sense.

VOTE:

Kirsten made a motion to withdraw the recommendation for the Bare Cove Park Committee request for the bathroom of \$67,800

Kevin Burke seconded the motion:

Kirsten Yes

Larry Yes

Megan Yes

Kevin Yes

Vicki Yes

Charlie Yes

(Charlie exited the meeting).

Julie asked Larry to send her the motion and also to write to the BOS explaining our re-vote and the reasons for it.

Larry asked if committee members wanted to add anything to the grant agreements. No one had special conditions for the Harbor Development plan or Historical Markers.

Larry asked if we should add special conditions for the Affordable Housing Trust, adding time to the two years that is normal for CPC funding. Vicki suggested not putting in a clawback provision in. Kevin agreed that it made sense to not put in a provision since they come every year for more money, they always need more money to meet their goals, and we could always decide going forward if we felt the money was being wisely spent or saved and make future recommendations based on our observations. All agreed.

Larry mentioned to Kevin that he did not have a signed CPC grant agreement from Andrea for Canterbury Cemetery yet. Monies are not available until grant agreements are signed by all parties.

Motion to adjourn:

Vicki made a motion to adjourn

Kirsten seconded the motion.

Vote:

Larry Yes

Kevin Yes

Megan Yes

Vicki Yes

Kirsten Yes

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 pm