



Community Preservation Committee

April 1, 2020

7:00pm

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present: Chair Larry Lindner, Robert Mosher, James Watson, Bill Harrington, Judy Sneath, Vicki Donlan, Kirsten Moore, Bob Mosher and Bill Harrington

Call to order: 7:00pm

Mr. Larry Lindner called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting. Jim seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Larry Linder: yes

Jim Watson: yes

Bob Mosher: yes

Bill Harrington: yes

Judy Sneath: yes

Notifications from CPC members not returning next year:

Larry announced that Dan White did not plan to return to the Committee next year and he asked the Committee if other members also did not plan to return. He added that this knowledge would help the Board of Selectmen while reviewing the Talen Bank applications. No members commented that they did not plan to return next year.

Discussion on Grant Extensions

Memorial Bell Tower: \$29,535

Larry explained that he had discussed with Martha Ryan the possibility of combining the 2018 and 2019 money and getting all the bells done at once. He said that this had been problematic because they did not have an engineer to help them through the bid process. Martha commented that they had made some progress, adding that the project went out to bid and a bid had been accepted from Ben Sunderland. Martha also said that there is work underway to negotiate the contract, adding that Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator, is consulting with Town Counsel regarding the details of the contract. Martha went on to explain that work has stalled a bit due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but was confident that they should have the contract finalized within a month so that work can begin. Larry asked her if she had a timeframe for the completion of the work. Martha answered that their focus right now is the details of the contract. For example, she stated that the foundry would like the Town to cover

the cost of a crane but the Town wants that to be part of the contract and under the liability of the foundry. She added that, once the contract is finalized, the foundry thinks they could complete the project by October 2020. Larry felt confident that the work would get done. Bob commented that he felt it would not be fair to take funding away from a project during this pandemic. Larry and the other members agreed.

Old Fort House: \$27,705

Larry explained that the goal of this project was to put the Old Fort House on a foundation behind the Old Ordinary. He said that they had received a grant of \$27,705 at Town Meeting in 2018. He said that by the beginning of this year, approximately \$10,000 has been spent on archaeological work, leaving approximately \$27,000. Larry said that he had received three invoices from Ben Wilcox totaling about \$24,000, which he was happy to share with Committee members. He added that he had recently spoken with Diedre Anderson of the Historical Society who felt that they would spend the remaining funds soon. Diedre then thanked the Committee for their patience and added that the remaining funds will be spent when the Fort is moved onto the foundation. She said that they are waiting for large granite blocks to be moved into place and said that their workers have been deemed as “essential” during this crisis. Larry did not feel the need to vote on this project and was confident that it would be finished soon.

Harbor Walkway: \$498

Larry commented that he had recently spoken with Alan Perrault of the Harbor Development Committee who thinks that the project is complete but was waiting for confirmation from DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester. Bob suggested that they not take any funds away from the project until they have confirmation that the work was indeed complete. There was agreement amongst committee members that Larry would call Alan to confirm. If the project was complete, everyone agreed that the extra \$498 could be added to the CPC General Fund.

Announcements: none

Discussion on items not on the agenda:

There was some discussion on the date of the next meeting. It was noted that Town Meeting had been rescheduled to June 22 and the Committee agreed that they would meet just prior to Town Meeting to go over the grant agreements.

Vote: Vicky made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Larry Lindner: yes

Bob Mosher: yes

Jim Watson: yes

Bill Harrington: yes

Judy Sneath: yes

Vicki Donlan: yes

Kirsten Moore: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm