



Community Preservation Committee

June 24, 2020
7:00pm

Present: Larry Lindner, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee; Dan White, Vice Chair; Robert Mosher, Vicki Donlan, Kirsten Moore, Bill Harrington & Judy Sneath

Absent: James Watson

Call to order: Larry Lindner

Announcements:

Larry announced that Town meeting voted all of the CPC projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Vicki made a motion to approve, with edits, the April 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Bob seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Larry: yes
Vicki: yes
Bob: yes
Judy: yes
Dan: yes
Bill: yes
Kirsten: yes

Schedule of meetings for next funding cycle

There was some discussion regarding the meeting schedule for the upcoming funding cycle. Larry commented that he has not received much feedback on the meeting schedule. He did say that what he has heard is that applicants are not happy that they need to submit their applications at the end of August and that it feels too rushed. He proposed that their first meeting for the upcoming cycle would be moved to September 15, 2020. He noted that this change has been approved by the Town Administrator's office. Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

September 15: Preliminary applications due
September 23: assign project managers and vote for officers
October 13: Final applications due
October 21: discuss final applications

October 24: site visit
October 31: site visit (if needed)
November 18: Televised presentations by the project proponents
November 19: Televised presentations by the project proponents
December 9: discuss the presentations
January 6: Televised presentations by the project proponents
January 7: Televised presentations by the project proponents
January 13: vote on projects
March 31: prep for Town meeting

Larry let the Board know that he would email the preliminary applications to the Committee members.

Judy suggested that it could be beneficial for the Committee to meet with the Selectmen or the Advisory Board about the Town's priorities. She suggested that the CPC meet with them sometime in September. Larry stated that the Committee is supposed to have an open meeting for the townspeople could voice their opinions about what kind of projects they would like to consider. Kirsten thought that it could be done via Zoom. She was interested to hear about the townspeople's priorities. Vicki thought it could be beneficial to hold an educational meeting with the townspeople with the intent to educate the public on the requirements and budgets the Committee is working with. She said that she would suggest this could be done prior to the preliminary application deadline. Larry suggested that this meeting take place on September 8. There was some additional discussion on whether to meet with the Selectmen. Larry suggested that they meet with the Selectmen to get a general idea of their priorities. Vicki felt that this type of meeting, if it were to take place, should take place before the preliminary applications in an attempt to eliminate influence on a particular project. Larry asked the members if they felt that Board of Selectmen should be consulted to ask the priorities for the Town in the coming year. There were varying opinion. Judy suggested that the CPC have a public meeting and invite the Selectmen and the Advisory Board to attend. She noted that it states in the CPC by-laws that the Committee is charged with hearing public comment every year. Vicki stressed the importance of educating the public about the CPC's responsibilities.

Posting notice of new funding cycle in the Hingham Journal and the Hingham Anchor

Larry told the Committee that he would post the dates of the upcoming funding cycle in next week's Hingham Journal and Hingham Anchor.

Holding vote of officers

Larry said he would like to hold off on voting for new officers until the September 15 meeting. He noted that Jim Watson and Co-Chair Dan White would be leaving the Committee. He added that Dan White would be replaced with a Moderator's choice. Larry asked the Committee if they were comfortable with him being Interim Chair over the summer, until the new officer are appointed. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Thank you to Dan White for his years of service to the Town via CPC

Larry thanked Dan for his hard work as Vice Chair of the Community Preservation Committee and for his carefully considered opinions. He wished him well in his new job.

Thank you to Jim Watson for his time on the CPC

Larry thanked Jim for his service to the Community Preservation Committee and wished him well.

Questions/Discussion on subjects not on the agenda

Bill Harrington reported that his term as Selectmen's appointee to the Committee is also over soon. He said that he would like to be reappointed to the Committee. Larry said that he would communicate Bill's wishes to the Selectmen.

Dorothy Galo suggested that the CPC might be, through the results of the Master Plan, the indirect beneficiaries of some information on the Town's priorities. Larry thanked her for comments.

Vote: Bill made a motion to adjourn. Vicki seconded it. All were in favor, 9-0

Roll Call Vote:

Larry: yes

Vicki: yes

Bob: yes

Judy: yes

Dan: yes

Bill: yes

Kirsten: yes

Meeting adjourned: 7:39 pm