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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

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Members:

Travis Drury (Chair)
Garth Shaneyfelt (Vice-chair)
Wisty Rorabacher
John Passiglia
Susan Worgaftik
Yanis Chibani
Donna DuSell
Thomas Guerino
Dave Chichester

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 5:30pm to 7pm
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square and Remote via
Zoom (hybrid)**

Members present:

Travis Drury (Conservation Commission), Garth Shaneyfelt (at Large), Wisty Rorabacher (at Large), Dave Chichester (Planning Board), Donna DuSell (Recreation Commission), Susan Worgaftik (at Large), Yanis Chibani (at Large), John Passiglia (Historical Commission)

Member absent:

Tom Guerino (Greenfield Housing)

Also present:

Christy Moore, Mary Byrne

Called to Order at 5:34

No Conflicts of Interest

Approval of Minutes

Still waiting on minutes for 1/12 meeting, motion to approve 1/26 made by Donna, Seconded by Garth, All voted to approve the 1/26 minutes with the abstention of John Passiglia

New Business

Financial status update of available CPC funds, Christian LaPlante leading

Comment by Travis that members should recuse themselves if they have a conflict of interest. Presentation by Christian of approved funds for FY22 & FY23 and recommendation from Treasury that CPC spend no more than \$335,000.00 of \$461,795.76 available for FY23 budgeted funds.

General discussion that the committee can agree to a tentative number and go above it if needed. Comment from Christian that we will be sending a press-release stating a specific amount or range. Wisty, Donna recommended that we communicate a range, err on the side of reporting more rather than fewer funds available this fiscal year. Susan recommended that we stick with \$335k with the understanding that we can revise our decision later; John agreed and motioned that we “stick with ‘approximately \$335k’ for the purpose of our press release with the provision that we could revise it later on upon further deliberation”, second by Susan. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Discussion of Projects by CPC, Travis Drury leading

General discussion of how different members scored the projects. Donna mentioned that, for example, would expect that external funding would be consistent across members. Average scores ranged from low 30s to high 40s out of 55.

Susan suggested that we look at and attempt to allocate funds to one category at a time, Historic, then Housing, then come to Recreation with the remainder and iterate accordingly.

Comments from Travis that the Recreation – Beacon Park has \$4500 in matching funding and Recreation – ADA Track has \$600

in matching funding. Discussion ensued about the exact details about how much the Committee should allot to each category from its budget of \$335k. Recommendation from Christian, Stuart, and Treasury was that we allocate 100% of the maximum that we're required to spend in each category using the maximum approved funds (\$461k) rather than the originally allocated \$20k per funding category. Wisty pointed out that this would imply a decreased amount allocated to the General fund. Susan & Yanis recommended that we first decide what we would like to allocate to the projects received and then apply the constraint of how much money can be allocated to each.

General Comments on Applications

Housing:

- Susan: recused herself from discussion on the CSO Project as she is on the board of the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority
- John: stuck on the price tag (\$100k) for a small contribution to a \$23M project.
- Informational note from Susan as asked by the committee: DHCD requires that the Project have a significant amount of money to signify community support. Rents will likely be too low to pay for maintenance, so it's imperative that initial construction is high quality.
- Proposal from John that we tentatively earmark the required 10% withholding \$47,523 to this project (pending public comment). General consent from the group.

Historic:

- John: recused himself from discussion on the barn project as he is involved with the FCAS
- Informational note from John as asked by the committee: any allocation to the Barn Rehabilitation would be significant

- Donna: Document Preservation digital access and length of Project is an issue for her
- Travis: caution from Stuart against giving money to a non-city entity in our 1st year because we have not yet set up contracting process.
- Susan: strong feeling that funds Will be important and visible for Historical Society and MOIH shop equipment
- Travis: proposal that we tentatively allocate full funding to MOIH and Document Preservation, general agreement
- Proposal that we tentatively allocate \$20k to FCAS – Barn Rehab

Recreation:

- Tom: 100% opposed to Highland pond aeration and drinking fountain projects as these were due to neglected maintenance on behalf of the town (email read by Travis)
- Travis: of all of these projects the one that is the most ready to go is beacon park, already has funds allocated from ADA fund and capital committee
- Donna: let's just put the money in for track, general agreement
- Garth: very disappointing that the DPW hasn't funded the ADA Track yet.
- Susan: recreation often gets left off of the capital funds
- Travis: capital committee recommended fully funding Pickleball and Highland Park Signeage
- Donna: Shattuck would be one and done
- John: likes that Shattuck is on a school campus, super accesible to lots of groups of people
- Susan & Dave: Boas Trail restoration is a very important Project, propose we tentatively allocate in full
- John: impressed that they have Americorps, their application was one of the best one.

- Wisty, John, Susan: pond aerator would be a great signal to the town that this is something we need to invest in.
- Donna: we hear all the time on rec about Highland Pond and Pickleball
- Susan: doesn't seem like we can afford it this year
- Travis: this was recommend this year by Capital Committee along with the park signage
- Drinking Fountain: comments that this is too much money relative to the public benefit (Travis, Donna, John, Garth)
- Feasibility Study: cool project, but seems strange to fund something that is entirely in Deerfield (Garth). TBD on this one
- Highland Park Signage: TBD, let's see what capital says (Donna)
- John: can we look into cheaper sources of signage? E.g. having the tech school create them
- Wisty: can we communicate & coordinate with the city more on these projects?

Public Comments

None.

Up-Coming CPC Meetings:

Thursday, February 23rd – Meeting at John Zon Community Center for public feedback/input

Thursday, March 9th - De-brief of Meeting and results of Feedback Form

Thursday, March 23rd - Meet to vote on allocation of funds that will be recommended to the City Council

Next Secretary: February 23rd - **Dave**

John made motion to **adjourn meeting.**
Seconded by Susan
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm