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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

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Thomas Guerino
Dave Chichester

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

Minutes of Thursday, March 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Meeting Room and Remote Via Zoom

Members Present:

Chair, Travis Drury (Conservation Commission)
Donna DuSell (Recreation Commission)
John Passiglia (Historical Commission)
Tom Guerino (Greenfield Housing)
Wisty Rorabacher (at Large)

Garth Shaneyfelt (at Large)
Susan Worgaftik (at Large)
Dave Chichester (Planning Board)

Members Absent:

Yanis Chibani (at Large)

Others Present:

Christian LaPlante, Staff Contact
Members of the Public

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Travis Drury at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Susan, seconded by Donna to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, CPC meeting. Approved unanimously via roll call vote.

4. Supplementary Budget Process: Christian presented a flow chart regarding the process CPA recommendations will follow.

- CPA Votes on recommendations and sends them to Mayor's Office.
- Mayor sends recommendations to City Council.
- Ways & Means holds hearing and makes non-binding recommendations to City Council.
- City Council holds hearing and decides on allocations.
- Recommendations returned to Mayor for budget request, moves to finance and community development for funding and agreements.

Question: Can City Council make changes?

Answer: City Council can reduce but not increase allocations. City Council can not make any changes to project applications that were submitted to CPA but not moved forward for funding by CPC.

5. Signage: Chairman Drury requested we consider how to recognize CPA as funder on projects via signage long and short term. CPC decided that it makes sense to determine which works best for an individual project i.e. short term banner (projects under construction) and/or permanent plaque (affixed to property/objects). We can use administrative funding to purchase. **We will need to add language to contracts regarding requirements.**

Applicant Updates:

- Christian noted that a new support letter for the CSO housing project was received from the Opioid Task Force. The letter was sent to the committee via email and added to the supporting documents on the shared drive.
- George Touloumtzis reported that the request for the Bike Link study project has been reduced to \$20,000 after update that Deerfield CPC is considering funding \$30,000 to partially cover the study. They will be deciding after March 23.

Review of Public Comments:

Christian and Travis reviewed and organized all feedback from survey form, public hearing, and emails received. The Committee reviewed the slide show and spreadsheets and expressed appreciation for the work that went into it.

Christy Moore (Recreation Director) was asked about vandalism as that concern came up in the emails regarding Shattuck Park Fitness Cluster and City Wide Amenities. She responded that while vandalism does happen, the city cleans it up ASAP and it doesn't necessarily come back. The fitness cluster has no moving parts and is equivalent to sturdy playground equipment. The stone amenities we currently have, i.e. chess set downtown, has not been harmed. Any other such equipment will also be concrete and therefore immovable and durable.

Review of Projects:

Susan and John identified potential conflicts of interest on CSO and Fairground projects respectively. After speaking with legal counsel, it was advised that they not be present during deliberation on those projects.

The committee then continued to review projects using the allocation spreadsheet Christian prepared.

Highland Pond Aerator: Public comments do not rate this highly.. Committee has concerns about the process, including environmental impact/permissions and efficacy of the system. Are we confident that this would even work if permitting were to be obtained? Needs more study.

Pickleball: This is a very high price tag. Is there any way to do a partial funded/phased project?

- Price for each court was \$40,000 including parking. Going piecemeal will raise costs ultimately. Possible to fund planning first and come back for construction?

- Would like to see more matching funds as this a full funding request that could be a PARC or other grant project in the future.
- Concerns about location and ability of people to get there.

Highland Park Drinking Fountain: Project scored very low on public input. Feedback indicates that this project is very expensive and most don't see a big need.

7:07 PM Public Comment:

- Nancy Hazard: Comment on Highland Park Signage: Project cost ballooned from initial idea. Can we do mapping and planning first? Likes the concept of a bike route from Greenfield, could potentially become a commute route.
- George Touloumtzis: Regarding Pickleball, appreciates comments about accessibility and transportation challenges. concerned about noise.

7:12 Review of Projects (continued):

Site Amenities: Stuart of the Community Preservation Coalition urges caution due to the multiple locations. Also noted that this project doesn't have matching funds.

Bike Route: Project scored high marks with committee and public. Should this be a FRCOG project? (noted that FRCOG advised George to come to CPC). What if Deerfield votes no? Unless this bike path includes passage from Greenfield over Deerfield River, it doesn't address the very dangerous crossing of bridge on 5&10 and puts the entire path in Deerfield.

Closing: Everyone will receive a copy of the allocation spreadsheet developed by Christian and members should fill in their proposed allocations per project. We can then review and finalize at our next meeting. **These documents should be sent to Christian by 3/16/23.**

Next Meetings: March 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and via Zoom to vote on allocation of funds.

Adjourn: Motion by Donna, seconded by John to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Vote unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Donna DuSell