

Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee Meeting

3/13/2019

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Room 12

Norwood Town Hall

PRESENT:

John Aprea
Cheryl Doyle
Joe Greeley
Patricia Griffin Starr
John Hall
Debbie Holmwood
Peter McFarland

Also Present: Paul Halkiotis, Town Planner
Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner

ABSENT: Helen Abdallah Donohue

Approval of Minutes 3/13/19

MOTION to accept minutes with the noted amendments from 3/13/19 by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Doyle

All in favor.

Annual Town Meeting Discussion

Mr. Greeley and the Committee conduct introductions.

Mr. Deschenes discusses the article meeting and the removal of Article "D" which was the article to purchase the Saint Lot.

Mr. Halkiotis discussed the background information that resulted in the article being temporarily removed.

Ms. Doyle asked about moving the money now in order to purchase the land in the summer through the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Halkiotis stated that its unlikely DCD Realty even owns the land at the moment as they have not officially received all of their permits.

Mr. Greeley stated that it would not be good to put money in the Conservation Commission's budget right now as it would reveal what the value of the land is and the number may change when the seller is ready to sell in the fall.

Ms. Doyle asked about how remaining balances from administrative budget go back into the unreserved fund.

Mr. Greeley stated that the Town's Accountant and Treasurer can move the remaining funds back into the unreserved fund without needing to vote on the matter. The same action can be done with the remaining balance of any project.

Mr. Greeley gave an overview of the Chapel's status and noted that remaining funds will be returned to the unreserved fund.

Mr. Halkiotis stated to the group that the warrant is closing and that the Committee will need to agree to the wording of each article.

MOTION to approve article "A" as written by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Doyle.

All in Favor.

Mr. Greeley explained his take of the financial situation and the estimate of FY20 revenue that he received from Town Treasurer, Mark Good.

Mr. Hall stated that in the handouts there was a breakdown of estimated amounts to allocate towards the use accounts. Mr. Hall asked if these numbers were accurate.

Mr. Greeley stated that they were based on Mark Good's estimate.

Mr. Hall asked about the state match and if that was calculated in. Mr. Greeley stated that it had not been calculated in at this estimate.

The Committee discussed article "B" which would appropriate administrative funds.

MOTION to approve article "B" as written by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Doyle.

All in Favor.

Mr. Greeley presented article "C" and stated that they will need to determine the motions and where the money for each project will come from.

Mr. Aprea asked if Town Meeting members will vote on each project individually or all together.

Mr. McFarland stated that the way the article is written it looks like there would only be one vote.

Mr. Greeley explained how that wasn't the case and that although they were in one article they would be voted one individually by project.

Ms. Holmwood stated that she thinks they should be separated into individual articles.

Ms. Doyle stated it might be an issue at Town Meeting with the one article format.

Mr. McFarland stated he would prefer to have it separated into individual articles.

Mr. Greeley stated that article "C" can be voted on two parts, one the format, and two where the money will come from.

MOTION to accept article "C" as written by Ms. Doyle, seconded by Mr. McFarland.

All in Favor.

Mr. McFarland asked Mr. Greeley to clarify that Article C will call out the projects individually and that votes will be taken that way as opposed to only one vote for the whole article. Mr. Greeley stated yes.

Mr. Hall asked if appropriation decisions are part of the motion and discussion at Town Meeting. Mr. Greeley stated it does need to be.

Mr. Greeley stated that we need to decide tonight where the money is coming from.

Mr. Hall stated that if on the floor of Town Meeting someone wanted to adjust where the money is coming from it will be next to impossible unless they had a spreadsheet of all the accounts.

Mr. Halkiotis stated that when the Community Preservation Committee makes a recommendation to Town Meeting it is a "take it or leave it" decision and not the sort of thing a Town Meeting member can make an amendment to in order to change how the money is taken from each account.

Mr. Hall stated he would like to make sure that is the case.

Mr. Greeley stated it's the Committee's responsibility to move, allocate, appropriate and manage the money. It's why we are here to make these decisions and its Town Meeting's responsibility to vote and approve the projects.

Ms. Doyle stated it would be good for transparency for Town Meeting members to know exactly where the money is coming from in regards to the use accounts.

Mr. Hall agreed with her.

Mr. McFarland suggested that they go through the process now to vote on what accounts to take the money from, but ask the Coalition to answer any unresolved questions.

Mr. Greeley stated that it is up to the Committee to determine how they want to separate the funds.

Ms. Doyle stated she liked following the same format as last year and preserving some amount within each account so that it is fair.

Mr. Hall agreed with using the same thought process that was used to appropriate for the chapel project.

Mr. McFarland stated that it might be a good idea to allocate money into the separate use accounts based on the cost and types of projects that year. That way funding for each project would only come out of one bucket.

The Committee discussed the allocation process.

Mr. Greeley explained his thought process on the template he gave to the Committee for project appropriations.

MOTION to appropriate the money as specified on the template put together by Mr. Greeley, seconded by Ms. Doyle.

Amendment to split bond street project evenly between the Open Space account and the unreserved account by Mr. Hall, amendment accepted

Amendment to drain the Open Space account first by Mr. Aprea, amendment withdrawn.

All in Favor.

Mr. Greeley stated that in the future they will need to have a borrowing discussion.

Audience member Toni Eosco of Endicott Street was newly elected to the Historical Commission would be joining the CPC as their Historical Commission representative.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Griffin Starr.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner