

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

December 16, 2019

Members Present: Catherine Schlichte, Co-chair, Ellen Preston, Heidi Wakeman, Jennifer-lee Levitz Aronson, and John Feener.

Absent: Pamela Tobey, Hank McCarl, Bob Whitmarsh, Barbara Silberman, Co-chair.

Members of the public: None.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:21 PM by Catherine S.

Item # 1 Approval of minutes from October 1, 2019

MOTION: John F. moved to accept minutes for October 1, 2019. Seconded by Jennifer-lee A. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstained. Motion passes.

Item # 2 Magnolia Library Extension

There was discussion regarding the need for the Magnolia Library to extend their contract that is expiring December 31, 2019.

MOTION: John F. moved to extend the Magnolia Library Contract for one calendar year through December 31st 2020. Seconded by Ellen P. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

Item # 3 Presentation of Neighborly Software

Jaimie C. gave a brief overview of Neighborly Software, but further discussion was tabled until more of the Committee members are present.

Item # 4 Discussion of Award Process

Catherine S. discussed the timeline for the next round of funding. Eligibility letters will be due in February and applications will be due in April. Jennifer-lee A. suggested having a CPC podcast with 1623 studios in order to generate interest in CPC grant funding. There was further discussion regarding publicizing the CPC's work. John F. asked about a list of projects funded and obtaining pictures. Heidi W. suggested working with Good Morning Gloucester. John F. suggested that once projects are voted for recommendations any further discussion should only be by the co-chairs. This would be to make sure there is a cohesive voice and not weaken the work of the CPC. Catherine S. responded by asking, do we then need to create a vehicle for the minority opinion to be voiced? There was further discussion regarding how CPC projects are presented by committee members when in a public forum. It was agreed that the CPC will need

to do additional publicizing in order to increase interest in CPA funding. There was discussion regarding who will present on applications in the future.

Item # 5 Project Updates

Catherine S. asked if 15 Pearl Street would be open to a walkthrough prior to occupancy. John F. asked if an occupancy permit will be required prior to issuance of final payment. John F. suggested reaching out to Cape Ann Vernal Pool to discussion eligibility for grants. Heidi W. added that the Open Space Committee had a meeting, Adrienne Lennon will be the City staff support for the committee. One of the issues is with the new school building and what will be done with Mattos field, which received a lot of funding from CPA. There is new energy and motion in the group. Heidi W. suggested reaching out to Cape Ann Trail Stewards as another organization that could be eligible for funding.

Next Meeting – January 21, 2020

MOTION: John F. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen P. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss