

# **Community Preservation Committee**

Minutes

February 18, 2020

**Members Present:** Ellen Preston, Hank McCarl, Barbara Silberman, Co-chair, Jennifer-lee Levitz Aronson, John Feener, and Bob Whitmarsh (arrived at 6:28PM).

**Absent:** Catherine Schlichte, Co-chair, Heidi Wakeman, and Pamela Tobey.

**Members of the public:** None.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:05 PM by Barbara S.

## **Item # 1 Approval of minutes from January 21, 2020**

**MOTION:** John F. moved to accept minutes for January 21, 2020. Seconded by Hank M. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

## **Item # 2 15 Pearl Street Site Visit**

There was discussion regarding scheduling a site visit at 15 Pearl Street. Jaimie C. will work on getting times from Christian Fisher.

## **Item # 3 Application Review Process**

There was discussion regarding the changes made to the eligibility form for the current round of CPA grant funding. Barbara S. reviewed the eligibility and application process. There was discussion regarding the checklist used to review applications. Barbara S. stated organization mission should be included in application questions. There was discussion regarding asking about staff members. John F. suggested asking for additional contact if primary is not one completing application. The Committee reviewed the checklist and updated typographical errors. John F. stated the checklist should include language that indicates the Wetlands Protection Act is the relevant legislation for open space categories. John F. asked to include language regarding the need to obtain all relevant permits and licenses.

## **Item # 4 Project Updates**

### **New Business**

Jennifer-lee L. suggested moving forward with appearing on 1623 studios to advertising the CPA. Barbara S. discussed the current status of the City of Gloucester's move to utilize Mattos Field as the site of a new school building. Stuart Saginor suggested to Barbara and Catherine that a request be made to the City of Gloucester to refund the Community Preservation Committee for funds contributed to Mattos Field improvements. Stuart Saginor also suggested requesting a

plan for the use of the equipment that was purchased to be reinstalled for public use. Barbara S. presented a letter drafted by herself and Catherine S. The letter will be sent to the City of Gloucester City Council, School Committee, School Building Committee, and Representatives Ferrante and Tarr. Barbara S. read the contents of the letter. John F. stated the conversation is difficult and thought this was going to a ballot vote in the fall. Barbara S. clarified that what will be voted is the Prop 2 ½ override to fund the new school building. John F. does not agree with the whole process and acknowledged his emotional attachment. Barbara S. asked if the Committee agrees with the letter being sent on behalf of the Committee. Hank M. stated that when the Committee makes grants it is with the intention that there is a future for the projects and the concern of the Committee needs to be made public. John F. stated that it should be acknowledged that the City Council approves the funding within the letter. There was further discussion regarding the letter and any action towards the Mattos project. Barbara S. stated that the application checklist should include language indicating land will require a restriction.

**Next Meeting - March 17, 2020**

**MOTION:** Hank M. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen P. 6 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss