

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

January 21, 2020

Members Present: Catherine Schlichte, Co-chair, Ellen Preston, Heidi Wakeman, John Feener, Pamela Tobey, Hank McCarl, and Barbara Silberman, Co-chair.

Absent: Bob Whitmarsh and Jennifer-lee Levitz Aronson.

Members of the public: None.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:11 PM by Catherine S.

Item # 1 Approval of minutes from December 16, 2019

MOTION: John F. moved to accept minutes for December 16, 2019. Seconded by Ellen P. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

Item # 2 15 Pearl Street Extension

There was discussion regarding the need for the 15 Pearl Street affordable housing project to extend their contract that expired December 31, 2019. Catherine S. recused herself from discussion.

MOTION: John F. moved to extend the 15 Pearl Street affordable housing project for one calendar year through December 31st 2020. Seconded by Hank M. 6 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstained. Motion passes.

Item # 3 Presentation of Neighborly Software

Jaimie C. gave a brief overview of Neighborly Software. Catherine S. raised the question of whether or not scoring and comment on applications would violate open meeting law if all committee members are able to view comments. Jaimie C. will review the scoring process and follow up with the City's legal counsel if necessary. The Committee decided to review current scoring methods and discuss at February meeting.

Item # 4 Project Updates

Catherine S. discussed the recent Cape Ann YMCA Splash Park project and its approval process through City Council. She stated it was helpful to review the current balances and funding statuses of the accounts with the City Council. There was further discussion regarding the opposition to this project. There was discussion related to the publicizing of the current application. Jaimie C. provided an update on the Greenbelt trail project and the 15 Pearl Street

affordable housing project. She will follow up on the Maritime Heritage Railways project and schedule a site visit at 15 Pearl Street prior to the next meeting.

Item # 5 New Business

None.

Next Meeting – February 18, 2020

MOTION: John F. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Pam T. 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss