

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes

Date: Oct 1, 2020

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Zoom Virtual meeting

Members present were: Fran Nickerson, Doug Thornton, John Lee, Michelle Catalina, Pam Marston and Didi.

Members absent Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Stacia Donahue

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 pm by the chair, Didi Chadran.

Minutes from Sept 23, were not voted on. They will be considered at our regular October meeting.

The special meeting was held in order to determine if the committee would accept the revision to the warrant article that the committee had prepared for the October 3, 2020 town meeting that would allow moving \$20,000 from CPC to MAHT for Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which allows low income renters and home owners to access funds because of COVID job loss.

CPC recommended that the following be included:

Applicants need to prove job loss because of COVID and show proof of assets. Each applicant will be given a number in a lottery. The names and other information are withheld so as to remain anonymous. Rental assistance can be up to 70% of the applicant's rent. If the amount of money requested by the total applicants exceeds \$20,000 then the lottery is imposed. Otherwise applicants will receive assistance as needed. The money is paid to the landlord or mortgage holder directly, not to the applicant. MAHT will have to adopt this recommendation.

The program will start by advertising for one month, applications are due October 22, then decisions will be made on the applicants who qualified for the assistance. Families can apply for assistance for up to 3 months and a total of \$4500. This could help 4-8 families.

CPC will work with MAHT to bring about this program.

Members voted unanimously to support this change in the article.

It was noted that MAHT is in need of another member. The term is good until June 2021 at which time that member could be reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Marston

Acting Secretary