

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Date: April 10, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Hildreth House

Attendees: Beth Williams, Doug Thornton, John Mark Walker, John Lee, Didi Chadran, Pam Marston, Kristin Kelley-Munoz, Jo Ward

Absent: Fran Nickerson

Guests: John Osborn – Harvard Press

Meeting convened at 7:32

1. Public Comment Period – John Osborn, Harvard Press, updated the CPC regarding Finance Committee's reasoning behind not supporting Article 23-3 (Old Library Roof). Capital Planning Investment Committee (CPIC) had voted to change its recommendation regarding the Old Library Roof. They proposed that \$25,000 be spent on a thorough engineering study of the status of the roof to allow a better estimate of the work needed.
2. Review Minutes from March 20, 2019 Meeting – Minutes, as amended, were accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Treasurer's Report – According to the April 10, 2019 memo from Community Preservation Coalition, the House Committee on Ways & Means' version of the state budget includes an increase to the recording fees at the Registries of Deeds that would more than double the current CPA Trust Fund revenue. The budget will be finalized in late June, so the Coalition has asked that local CPC's contact their state senators and representatives to gain support for this inclusion in the budget.
4. Request to rescind Old Library Roof Renovation Warrant Article and replace with Old Library Roof Engineering Analysis Warrant Article: In light of Finance Committee's decision not to support Article 23-3, discussion was held as to the wording of the CPC Warrant Article for the Old Library and whether to extend the sunset date. Didi spoke with Stuart Saginor at the Coalition and the analysis adjustment would be allowed under the Coalition's regulations. The Coalition language and structural analysis were unanimously approved and the extension of the sunset date was declined. The new wording for the article is as follows:

ARTICLE____: SELECT BOARD – OLD LIBRARY ROOF PRESERVATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Fiscal 2020 Community Preservation Fund unspecified reserves the sum of \$100,000, to be expended by the Select Board for the purpose of preserving and restoring the roof and gutters on the Old Library building in accordance with the Standards for Preservation defined by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Interior, including any structural analysis associated with conducting this work, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2021 to be returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board and the Community Preservation Committee)

5. Update on CPC sign project: John Mark Walker still working on it. Estimate should come in around \$200.00
6. New Business:
 - Beth Williams volunteered to apply for the Community Preservation Coalition Steering Committee. Didi and John Lee will be her references.
7. Review of Action Items
 - Didi to submit Doug Thornton, John Mark Walker & Kristin Munoz's names to the Coalition to get on distribution for updates and announcements.
 - Didi to submit write-ups on Harvard CPC funded projects to the Coalition.
 - John Mark Walker will find vendor for CPC Banner for projects.
 - Beth Williams will forward Coalition mailings to John Mark Walker, Doug Thornton and Kristin Munoz.
8. Adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019.