

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Date: August 25, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Didi Chadran, Doug Thornton – Planning Board, Beth Williams. John Lee, Pam Marston

Absent: Arielle Jennings, Jo Ward, Park & Rec Representative, MAHT representative

Guests: Ellen Sachs Leicher, Bruce Leicher, Hannah Taylor- Harvard Press, Lucy Wallace

Meeting was convened at 7:36 pm.

1. Roll Call, Sound Check were done. Preamble, Rules for Participation, and Reminder that meeting materials are available online and that this meeting is being recorded were read by Didi Chadran.
2. Public Comment Period - None
3. Review Minutes from 5/26/2021 Meeting – Minutes approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report – John Lee submitted CP3 report, including warrant articles from Town Meeting. Coalition dues have been submitted for payment. Harvard Press bill has been submitted for payment. No change in financials.
5. Update on Application Window for FY2023 CPC Funding - Call for Applications was posted July 23, 2021 on Town website. Public Notice ran in Harvard Press August 20th. Submission Deadline October 21, 2021
6. Discussion: New Checkbox for Harvard Community Resilience Working Group review. Ellen Leicher (former chair) updated CPC as to the process of the Working Group. They are looking into how to move forward with the process. Will not be ready by October. Will not be providing a lot of input this year. HEAC and CRWG created a joint resolution for the Town, towards the environment, to be voted on at 2021 Fall Town Meeting. CPC will be looking for constructive feedback on Grant applications environmental/climate impact.

Bob O'Shea, Chairman, of Park & Rec., had sent an email to CPC chair on August 3, 2021, expressing concern regarding the new form asking if it is legal to add "Climate Impact" to the decision making of CPC funds. Bruce Leicher shared his research on Community Preservation Act (CPA) rules towards outside committees consulting.

"Section 2 of The CPA explicitly authorizes consideration of input from and consultation with groups such as the CRWG or other Town boards in Section 3.

(b)(1) The community preservation committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the city or town regarding community preservation, including the consideration of regional projects for

community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the board of park commissioners and the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the city or town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town.”

CPC decided to leave the Harvard Resilience Working Group checkbox, this year, for informational purposes. CPC voted to redesign Grant application form with the CRWG checkbox for review, in the future, as opposed to endorsement.

7. Other Business – Doug Thornton, formerly the Park & Rec. representative, is now the Planning Board representative to CPC.
 8. Action Item Recap
 - a. Didi will share prior years CPC grant applications to Resiliency Group to enable evaluations for future endeavors.
 - b. Didi will work with Julie to redesign CPC application form.
 - c. John will investigate the Coalition's recommendation regarding reserve funds.
 - d. John will check into funds for MAHT rental assistance.
 9. Adjourn Meeting - Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
- Fall Town Meeting scheduled for October 16, 2021.