



## Town of Hingham Community Preservation Committee

Committee Minutes from January 5, 2017 – 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting FY2017

### Meeting Convened:

Chair Carol Pyles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance from CPC were Jim Conroy, Vicki Donlan, Tony Kiernan, Larry Lindner, Kathleen Peters, Jim Watson, Gary Tondorf-Dick and from staff, Carol Costello. Unable to attend, Bob Mosher. AdCom liaisons in attendance: Tom Belyea, Lucy Hancock and Donna Smallwood.

### Announcements from Chair:

Carol Pyles announced that the meeting was being filmed by HCAM. Tonight is a conclusion of a 2-night presentation night by proponents seeking CPA funds for their respective projects. Carol reminded the audience that CPC will be voting on January 11<sup>th</sup>; however, this is a meeting for CPC to deliberate and vote on the projects that will be recommended for final vote at Annual Town Meeting in April. We will not be welcoming discussion from the audience at that time.

### Presentations from Proponents applying for CPA grants:

#### **Conservation Fund \$30K - PM Bob Mosher**

Proponent Conservation Officer Loni Fournier reviewed the Conservation Fund budget. Current balance \$61K, request is for \$30K and reviewed a breakdown with the committee. (Document in file). Loni also announced that they have been given additional kiosk that are already planned to use for the Bouve Trail.

#### **Bouve / Shipyard Trail Connection Design Plan \$72,500 - PM Larry Lindner**

Proponent Mary Savage-Dunham, Director of Community Planning, said that they are requesting \$72,500 to develop construction level design plans for a connection to the Bouve trail located over at the Shipyard. Kathleen Peters and other committee members expressed their concerns of the building cost for this walkway. Mary stated she is not sure of cost until they get the plans; however, anywhere from \$400K to \$600K has been discussed during the vetting process. The project has been turned down twice at the State level because of ADA concerns. Other committee members, Larry Lindner and Gary Tondorf-Dick wanted to see a less expensive approach to this design. Mary stated that a design plan is needed to get construction cost, then they will be able to move forward to seek funds to help build the walkway connection. Mary stated this is the first step to move forward. CPC had concerns with the cost of the actual building of this project.

#### **SS Country Club Feasibility Study \$75K – Tony Kiernan**

Jay McGrail, Director of SSCC and Bill Friend, Chair of SSSCC reviewed their project. Jay stated he had nothing new to report; just that this feasibility study will enable SSCC to see what their options are to move forward.

Timeline to carry out the Feasibility Study: ATM2017 – wrap up by fall of 2018. Jay also stated that this is a phase project, if at any point during this process, they find out that it is not viable, they will return any unused CPA funds.

He also noted that the Rec Department will be running the pool this summer, any revenue from this program will be placed into this project. They would borrow out of enterprise and then pay it back from anticipated increased revenues.

### **Whiting Memorial Chapel - High St Cemetery \$65K – PM Gary Tondorf-Dick and Larry Lindner**

Proponent Erin McGourty, Secretary High Street Cemetery Association presented; assisted by Jackie Youngworth, President; of Association. They are planning to place newspaper articles in April/May 2017 to inform the public about the chapel. They have an interest from Downing Funeral Home to rent chapel out for services (\$300/\$500 per service).

Kathleen Peters expressed a concern with lack of fundraising to date. Erin explained they are using their endowment funds to do all the work and then, hopefully, they will do fundraising.

### **HAHT – Opportunity Funding \$110K – PM Jim Watson**

Tim White, Chair of the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust, presented. No new updates. Projects mentioned previously, are still being worked on. Chair Pyles announced that Tim could request the entire Community Housing Reserve of \$118K since there were no other requests for seeking grant funds against Community Housing this year. The State also requires 10% of total CPA collection be used for CH; therefore, the decision was made to increase HAHT grant request from \$110K to \$118K. Tim expressed his appreciation.

Lucy Hancock from the Advisory Committee expressed her concerns about Tim White, Chair of HAHT. She is uncomfortable about the finance reports provided by HAHT. Kathleen Peters agrees with her concerns and is uncomfortable in awarding more CPA funds to HAHT Opportunity Fund.

### **Administration Funds \$50K – PM Carol Pyles**

Carol Pyles reported that we are allowed up to 5% each year to set aside for this fund, we are typically 3%.

#### **Chair closing:**

Carol Pyles reviewed past voting procedures with the committee and what would work for them this year. The committee agreed that the spreadsheet compiled by the CPA Administrator Carol Costello would be helpful for the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carol Costello will email the spreadsheet to committee members after the Jan 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8:40 pm Vicki Donlan made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Larry Lindner. All in favor. 8-0

#### **List of Documents Used at this Meeting:**

1. Agenda for CPC Meeting of Jan 5, 2017
2. Schedule of 2017 Projects Presenting
3. Recap of Questions/concerns with projects seeking funds

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Costello

#### **Upcoming CPC Meetings:**

January 11 – CPC votes