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Meeting Minutes of the
Town of Dennis
Community Preservation Committee
March 9, 2023 - 7pm
Prue Meeting Room

This meeting took place both in person at Dennis Town Hall and remotely via conference phone pursuant to the law signed by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021 - An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, which includes an extension, until March 31, 2023, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Members Present: Chairman Chris Foley, William Clark, William Collins, Henry Kelley, Cynthia Stead and Jeff Treiber

Members Not Present: Chris Lambton, Brad Bishop and Frank Dahlstrom

Public Present: Beth Hardy Wade, Habitat for Humanity

Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum, Meeting Participation Statement and Recording Statement

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 7pm and read the meeting participation and recording statements.

Status of funds dispersal for DHA and Forward II

Chair Foley noted that on March 28 the Select Board will review all the grant agreements, so at this time, no monies have been released to these two organizations.

CPC expenditures for annual report

Mr. Treiber presented a graph of CPC grant funding in the various categories the Act supports; historical, open space, recreation and affordable housing. The monetary figures presented on the graph were discussed and it was requested the Mr. Treiber work with Chair Foley on verifying all the figures noted in the graph are correct.

Review of Habitat for Humanity grant

Chair Foley explained the document shared with members in the agenda packet is not the correct document. He has not received the grant from KP Law yet, despite giving all of the required information to Administration at the end of October. There was discussion about the inability of KP Law to get their work done in an appropriate time frame for the Town of Dennis and their performance is completely unsatisfactory.

Ms. Hardy-Wade, representing Habitat for Humanity, explained that the 20 day appeal period with the ZBA will expire on March 23, 2023. At that time if there are no issues, Habitat will be able to move forward with the closing on the property, which she anticipates happening around the end of April.

Chair Foley wants to have the document ready for a Select Board meeting on March 28, 2023.

Mr. Treiber requested that in the grant agreement, he would like to see all abbreviations be spelled out and reduce the capitalizations that really do not need to be emphasized.

Review of presentation at the Select Board / CPC Meeting 3/28

Mr. Treiber noted that for the presentation the link to the CPC's page on the Town's website needs to be updated.

Initial review of 2024 budget, including discussions of debt paydown

Chair Foley explained that the short term borrowing costs that are noted in the FY24 budget will decrease in regards to the interest on the West Schoolhouse and Jericho.

Also the amount reflected for the State reimbursement on Jericho is \$312K, not \$300K.

All the rest of numbers are correct.

Finance Director Young inquired if the CPC would like to bond the small balance on the BAN or leave it in a BAN. Members discussed the merits of both the bond and the BAN. Chair Foley will follow up further with the Finance Director on the specifics of a possible bond issue. However, most of the discussion leaving supported leaving it as a BAN.

Chair Foley will make the corrections to the FY24 proposed budget and re-issue for the next meeting.

Review and Approval of February 9, 2023 meeting minutes

Mr. Treiber made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes as amended. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and all members voted in favor; 6-0-0.

Next Agenda

Request Mr. Don Kelley from the DY Red Sox to attend the next meeting for the application review.

Review of Habitat grant agreement with Ms. Hardy Wade.

The meeting was moved to be adjourned at 7:52pm by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Clark. All voted in favor; 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lapierre
CPC Coordinator

Documents Reviewed and Available Upon Requested

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Slide Presentation to Select Board by CPC
2024 Budget Worksheet

