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TOWN OF BELMONT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes: Wednesday, October 9, 2013, Town Hall Conference Room 1, 5:00PM
Present: Floyd Carman, Joe DeStefano, Lisa Harrington, Gloria Leipzig, Anne Marie Mahoney, John Owens, Andres Rojas, Paul Solomon, Margaret Velie
Other: Jerry Boyle, Michael Trainor

Paul Solomon called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Old Business

Approved minutes of September 11, 2013 with seven votes

- Joe DeStefano and John Owens were not present at the time voting took place.

Progress Report and Vote on Projects Discussed with Coalition:

After reviewing the notes from the September 17, 2013 conference call with the Community Preservation Coalition, the following FY14 preliminary applications were discussed by the CPC:

- Land Abutting Pequossette Field – During the conference call on September 17, 2013, Stuart Saginor from the Coalition stated that this project did not meet the criteria to be considered an Open Space or Recreational Land CPA project. Motion to reject the Rehabilitate / Restore Land Abutting Pequossette Field Project passed with seven votes.
 - Joe DeStefano and John Owens were not present at the time voting took place.
- Skating Rink & Field House – The definition of a Recreational Land CPA project does not include the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure. Therefore, the Skating Rink Project is not eligible to receive CPA funding. Motion to Reject Viglirolo Skating Rink / White Field House Feasibility Study Project passed with seven votes.
 - Joe DeStefano and John Owens were not present at the time voting took place.
- Green Enhancement, High School Parking Lot – Although the CPC did not originally intend to discuss this project during the conference call on September 17, 2013, Stuart Saginor expressed concern over the CPC's acceptance of the preliminary application for this project. Mr. Saginor warned that the Department of Revenue would likely reject this as a CPA project because other revenue sources exist to fund this type of project. If the Department of Revenue were to deny this as a CPA project, funding for this project would have to come out of the Town's "free cash."

Margaret Velie questioned Mr. Saginor's reasons for rejecting the application. Westport, among other CPA communities, has used CPA funds for water source protection. Additionally Glenn Clancy, Director of Community Development, stated in an e-mail that the Sewer and Storm Water Enterprise Fund is only substantial enough to address bare essential repairs. The Green Enhancement Project would require borrowing from the MWRA.

Andre Rojas asked whether the project could be considered CPA eligible if the normal mechanisms for funding are not capable of supporting the project at this time. The

project may also be considered CPA-eligible if the sponsors narrow the focus of their application so that it addresses the protection of the pond and not the maintenance of the parking lot.

Margaret Velie will contact the Community Preservation Coalition to get further information regarding the CPA eligibility of the Green Enhancement Project. If the Coalition agrees that the project is CPA eligible, the project sponsors may submit a final application that focuses on the protection of the pond and the CPC will contact the Department of Revenue to verify eligibility. If the Department of Revenue provides a written statement that this project is not CPA eligible, the CPC will not recommend the project at Town Meeting.

Discuss October 10, 2013 Public Meeting

The CPC agreed to use the agenda from the November 8, 2012 Public Meeting as the template for the October 10, 2013 Public Meeting. Paul Solomon will open the meeting with a brief history of the CPA and Floyd Carman will then describe the application process. After the CPC's introduction, applicants will give five-minute presentations for their proposals.

Update On Final Applications Received

As of October 9, 2013, the CPC has not received any Final Applications for fiscal year 2014.

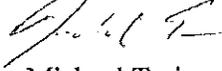
Other Business

- The following FY14 CPA project updates were provided:
 - Building Survey of the William Flagg Homer House – Wolf Architects agreed to being paid in installments. The contract is ready to be signed.
 - Landscape Plan for Intergenerational Walking Path – During a recent public meeting it was suggested that the project should focus on removing invasive species, rehabilitating the arboretum, and increasing the pond's visibility.
 - Irrigation Improvements at Rock Meadow – Sponsors are currently accepting bids.
 - (Town Hall) Concord Ave Door Remediation – The sponsor is currently determining if the original doors should be restored or replaced with new doors made from "historical" wood.
 - Joey's Park Rehabilitation – The project is on track with their budget and plans to finish the project by October 14, 2013.
 - Electric Service Upgrade (Belmont Village) – 50% of the work has been completed.
 - Underwood Park – The RFP is expected to be approved at the next Underwood Pool Committee meeting.
 - Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey – The RFP has gone through a number of revisions and a final draft is expected to be ready by October 15, 2013
 - Preserving and Digitizing Belmont's Vital Records – The RFQ has been sent out, with responses expected by October 24, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 5:00PM, Town Hall Conference Room 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Trainor", written in a cursive style.

Michael Trainor