

DATE: April 14, 2022
TIME: 9:34 AM

**TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)**

Minutes: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, Zoom Public Meeting
Present: Elizabeth Dionne, Margaret Velie, Mark Paolillo, Sarah Caputo, Stephen Pinkerton, David Kane, Juliet Jenkins
Other: Matthew Haskell, Chris Doyle, Jenny Fallon, Anne Marie Mahoney, Rachel Heller
Absent: Michael Chesson, Gloria Leipzig

Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I) Long Term Capital Planning Committee Update

Chris Doyle began by giving an overview of what the Long Term Capital Planning Committee is. They began by taking the current bylaw and work of the current Capital Budget Committee and expanding upon that. Chris said that this new bylaw does not directly affect the CPC, but since the CPC does contribute to capital projects in Town it seemed prudent to bring this plan to the CPC for discussion.

Chris gave an overview of the bylaw proposal. The proposed committee would replace the Capital Budget Committee and would be named the Comprehensive Capital Planning Committee. It would expand the current Capital Budget Committee's charge in composition of members, the number of members, and in scope.

Elizabeth expressed that this proposal is in line with the CPC's overall goals. Mark agreed with the aligned goals and that capital in Belmont is often looked at in silos and needs to have a more comprehensive approach. Stephen asked why the Community Preservation Committee does not have representation on this committee? The CPC funds projects totaling a few million dollars annually and it seems like it would make sense to have a voting representative. Jenny Fallon answered that this is to limit the number of members who are serving on multiple committees. Jenny and Chris noted that this committee will have a large time commitment, especially in the early years. Chris added that there was also a strong desire to have the number of Belmont voters appointed by the Moderator to be equal to those who are representatives of other committees. David echoed Stephen's sentiment of having a member of the CPC serve as a member on the committee.

David suggested that once this committee is up and running the CPC can have a joint meeting with the new committee to discuss how they work together and then to hold two or more joint sessions annually following that. Mark followed up on Stephen's point as well and noted that the CPC does not necessarily identify capital needs because it receives applications and is more of a reactionary committee. Mark agreed with David's point that we need to make sure the CCPC and CPC are aligned. Elizabeth noted that the CPC does fund some of the condition studies that will help to inform the CCPC, but did agree that the committee reacts to applications. Jenny added that the coordination of these two

committees is crucial to letting the public know that all funding sources are being utilized when these future capital projects come forward.

Chris then moved on to discuss the current draft language of the bylaw as edited by the Bylaw Review Committee on February 2nd. Anne Marie and the some of the committee members noted that they disagreed with some of the updates from the Bylaw Review Committee. Elizabeth noted that, once the final text is prepared, the CPC would be very happy to have the LTCPC back and to endorse the bylaw for Town Meeting members, noting that the CPC does not have a formal role in approval. Stephen and Jenny agreed that this would be better for the CPC to review once the Town Meeting Warrant is released and that the CPC could review this without the LTCPC attending their meeting. Juliet asked if there were any people not in favor of the new committee and what their comments were. Chris noted that there were those who were questioning the number of members and the representation, and those who thought that a 30-year timeline is too long. Jenny added that some feedback from the CBC is that some of their mission may be lost through this.

II) Review and Approve Redline Changes to the Community Preservation Act Grant Agreement for Belmont Housing Trust

Elizabeth turned over the meeting to Rachel Heller, chair of the Housing Trust. Rachel explained that this is mostly to update dates across the form and update the Attachment A.

- Mark moved to approve the grant agreement with the corrected original approval date (December 2020). Seconded by Stephen. The motion passed unanimously, 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Approve Invoices: There were no invoices this evening.

III)

IV) Other Business

- Updates from Liaisons:
 - i. Warrant Committee to host the CPC project presentations on 3/9/2022
- Other Topics Unanticipated by the Chair
 - i. Updates for website. Discussion between Juliet, Sarah and Matt today and these will be implemented soon.
 - ii. Check in with project sponsors, make sure that you reach out soon in order to receive the input before April 4, 2022 so that the project updates can be presented in the CPC's report to Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:26PM

- David moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mark. Elizabeth took vote by unanimous consent for this motion, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Haskell