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**TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes: Wednesday, July 8, 2015, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:00PM
Present: Anthony Ferrante, Gloria Leipzig, Anne Marie Mahoney, Paul Solomon,
Margaret Velie
Absent: Floyd Carman, Lisa Harrington, Jim Williams
Other: Michael Trainor, Franklin Tucker

Margaret Velie called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 10, 2015 passed with four votes.

- Gloria Leipzig abstained from voting as she was not present for the June 10, 2015 meeting.

Project Updates

FY14 Project Monitor Reports

Landscape Plan for Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond – BETA Group Inc presented the Final Plan at a public meeting held on June 15, 2015. The Final Plan noted that engineer drawings will be required before the main path can be considered “design ready.” The Final Plan also identified many volunteer work opportunities as part of the construction process, as well as potential sites for additional benches. CDs and hardcopies of the Final Plans should be available in July 2015.

FY15 Project Monitor Reports

(Belmont Village) Electrical Upgrade – Electrical upgrade work for the first two demo units began on July 8, 2015. Once the work has been completed, the Department of Housing and Community Development will review the revised bid documents before continuing on to the remaining housing units. The entire project (FY15 and FY16) could be completed as soon as fall 2015.

First Time Homebuyer Assistance – The Belmont Housing Trust (BHT) selected two first time homebuyers to receive down-payment assistance; one to use towards a two-bedroom unit and one towards a single-bedroom unit. The BHT has enough funds remaining from the CPA grant to provide down-payment assistance towards an additional single-bedroom unit. Therefore, the BHT will meet during the week of July 13, 2015 to discuss whether to solicit for another single-bedroom applicant, to seek an additional \$30,000 in CPA funding from the Town in order to provide down-payment assistance towards another two-bedroom unit, or to return the remaining funds to the CPA fund.

FY16 Project Monitor Reports

Pequossette Tennis Courts Rehabilitation and Restoration – Although originally scheduled for a fall 2015 completion date, the timeline has been revised in order to avoid possible weather-related damages during the upcoming the 2015/2016 winter season. The project is now expected to be completed in spring 2016.

Open Space and Housing Inventory Discussion

Gloria Leipzig provided comments regarding the inventory to Margaret Velie in advance of the CPC meeting. Gloria, Margaret, and Mary Trudeau will meet in late July to review these and other proposed changes.

Other Business

- Potential CPA Applications – Anthony Ferrante attended the final Grove Street Playground public meeting that was held on June 15, 2015. He noted that the public did not seem to be in favor of the increased scope or cost of the proposed project. Specifically, the public expressed opposition towards the inclusion of new batting cages into the final design. Anthony Ferrante noted that the batting cages would be funded by Belmont Youth Baseball and Softball and not by the Town. The public did, however, agree that the Grove Street Playground needs new fencing, new parking, and increased security.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:00PM, Town Hall Conference Room 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Trainor