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## TOWN OF BELMONT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes: Tuesday, October 23, 2012, Town Hall Conference Room 1, 5:00pm  
Present: Donna Brescia, Floyd Carman, Lisa Harrington, Anne Marie Mahoney,  
John Owens, Andy Rojas, Paul Solomon, Margaret Velie  
Absent: Joe DeStefano  
Other: Michael Trainor

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

The Committee reviewed FY13 Preliminary CPA Funding Applications:

As detailed budgets must be included with Final Applications, the Committee judged each project solely on whether it was eligible for CPA funding and whether it met Belmont's Selection Criteria. Below are the voting results:

- Motion to approve Preserving and Digitizing Belmont's Vital Records Project for Final Application passed unanimously. It was noted that the project could be phased and that the 1859-1930 documents are the highest priority.
- Motion to REJECT Uplands Land Purchase Project for Final Application passed with seven votes, on the basis that the proposal lacked enough specifics to justify reserving the requested funds. Margaret Velie recused herself from discussing and voting on this project.
- Motion to REJECT Town Hall Window Replacement Project for Final Application passed unanimously, on the basis that it was not eligible for CPA funding as replacement of the windows was not necessary to "preserve" Town Hall (i.e. windows are not leaking water) and the windows themselves are not Historic.
- Motion to approve (Town Hall) Concord Ave Door Remediation Project for Final Application passed unanimously, under the condition that additional pricing quotes are provided.
- Motion to approve Underwood Park Project for Final Application passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Irrigation Improvements at Rock Meadow Community Gardens Project for Final Application passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Landscape Plan for intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond Project for Final Application passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Building Survey of 1853 William Flagg Homer House Project for Final Application passed unanimously, under the condition that the construction budget be included as part of the "scope of work".
- Motion to approve Electric Service Upgrade – Underground Wiring Project (Belmont Housing Authority) for Final Application passed unanimously,

under the condition that the Fire Department performs an inspection to determine if the property is a fire hazard in its current condition.

- Motion to approve Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey of Belmont Project for Final Application passed 7-1. John Owens voted against the motion, concerned over the potential impact on future development.
- Motion to REJECT Reservation of Funds for Belmont Uplands Acquisition Project for Final Application passed with seven votes, on the basis that it is unclear if or when the property will be available for purchase and it is not a viable project until it is for sale. It was noted that once the money has been designated it cannot be used for anything else. It was also noted that there are still “undesignated Open Space funds” that could be used for this purpose in the future. Margaret Velie recused herself from discussing and voting on this project.
- Motion to approve Joey’s Park Rehabilitation Project for Final Application passed unanimously. It was noted that historically all playgrounds in Belmont have been privately funded.
- Motion to REJECT Affordable Housing Creation Fund Project for Final Application passed unanimously, on the basis that the proposal did not contain a clearly definable project.

Committee discussed format of the upcoming November 8<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting:

Sponsors of projects selected for Final Application will be encouraged to attend the November 8, 2012 Public Meeting to give a five minute presentation of their proposal.

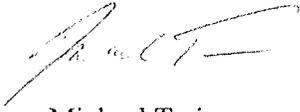
To Do:

- Publicize results of the application review:
  - o Notify applicants
    - Deliver hardcopy letters
    - E-mail approval/rejection letters (where applicable)
  - o Send list of approved/rejected projects to the media
    - Belmont Patch
    - Belmont Citizen

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 5:00 PM, Town Hall Conference Room 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Trainor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Trainor