

TOWN OF BELMONT

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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Minutes: Thursday, September 13, 2018, Town Hall Conference Room #1, 5:30PM
 Present: Lisa Harrington, Gloria Leipzig, Andy Rojas, Margaret Velie, Floyd Carman, Tom Caputo, Matt Sullivan, Stephen Pinkerton, Elizabeth Dionne
 Other: Adam Dash, Patrice Garvin, Glen Castro
 Absent:

Margaret Velie called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approved Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, July 11, 2018, passed with 6 Yeas and 2 Abstentions. Floyd Carman and Tom Caputo abstained from voting as they did not attend meeting.
 - Andy Rojas moved to approve meeting minutes as amended.
- Motion to approve minutes, as amended, for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 regular meetings, passed with 5 Yeas and 3 Abstentions. Tom Caputo, Andy Rojas, and Matt Sullivan abstained from voting as they did not attend meeting.
 - Stephen Pinkerton moved to approve meeting minutes as amended.

Community Path Phase 1a (Alexander Avenue Underpass) Design

Adam Dash stated that this is just the Phase 1a proposal for the Alexander Avenue Underpass, and that there are 3 phases for the entire Community Path (1a, 1b and 2). He also noted the benefits of each project such as traffic relief, safety, fitness, and access for precincts to get around town. The timing of this project is important and that is why it is an off-cycle request. The state has deadlines that the town needs to meet in a timely manner and that a warrant article will be added to the Special Town Meeting for November 13th to approve the funding source for design cost.

The state is interested in this project because of the extension of the Concord Avenue bike path to Precinct 8. Stephen Pinkerton stated that there was no actual connection from the bridge to Concord Avenue except across the field, School Committee property. Tom Caputo stated as member of the Belmont High School Building Committee (BHSBC) this underpass was not the purview of the BHSBC but was taken into account as part of schematic design and the committee has incorporated space for the spur.

Andy Rojas stated that Phase 1a project is all positive for safety, access points, and fitness. Adam Dash noted this project Phase 1a is a good project as it elevates traffic relief and access points for students to the high school. Adam Dash stated that a new Committee Path Project

Committee will be formed to move forward on construction items. Floyd Carman stated that there are five or six abutting residence from Channing Road that will be affected Phase 1a.

Margaret Velie suggested voting on this project in October. Gloria Leipzig inquired; is there a reason we are not voting tonight? Floyd Carman stated that the process has been in place by Adam Dash and Patrice Garvin and that the CPC should vote on this project.

Stephen Pinkerton stated that normally input from the public then CPC vote. Floyd Carman stated that CPC vote to approve this project forward to Town Meeting. Floyd Carman recommended CPC vote on this project now and get it to the next level. Lisa Harrington stated that if people were going to dispute the project CPC have voted on this project. It was noted that the project will be presented to the public at the Public Meeting tonight.

Gloria Leipzig asked whether this project has to go before the Warrant Committee (WC)? Adam Dash stated that the WC needs to make a recommendation on this project. Elizabeth Dionne stated that this is the type of project the WC would like to see happen. Floyd Carman stated that the WC will work on the financial implication and analysis of the state paying 100% of the construction cost. Andy Rojas asked what the projected total cost of the entire project and Tom Caputo stated about \$4.7M.

Motion to move the Community Path Phase 1a (Alexander Avenue Underpass) Design Special Application to Town Meeting

- Andy Rojas moved to approve forwarding the Community Path Phase 1a (Alexander Avenue Underpass Design) to Town Meeting for CPA funding in the amount of \$400,000, passed unanimously.

Public Meeting Discussion and Agenda

Margaret Velie stated that there will be a public meeting tonight and that in addition to outlining the process for FY20 projects, the sponsors of the Community Path Phase 1a project will present their off-cycle project request.

Project Closure: Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path Site Plan, \$35,000

Margaret Velie stated that the CPC will need to vote to close FY18 Project for the design of the Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path.

Motion to close the Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path Site Plan Project (Design)

- Gloria Leipzig moved to close the Grove Street Park Intergenerational Walking Path Site Plan Project, passed unanimously.

Floyd Carman stated that he reached out to Jim Davis regarding field dimension requirements and to be in communication with Donna Ruvolo.

Town Hall Railing Study

Floyd Carman stated that water was seeping out of the stairs and the retaining wall. Steve Dorrance, Facilities Director, stated that the stairs and wall will need to be fixed before the railings. Floyd Carman suggested turning back the prior year railings project appropriation and when things get figured to come back to CPC for grant funding for the railings, retaining wall and stairs. Lisa Harrington stated that McGinley Kaslow did a study below the retaining wall which suggested the wall was buckling and that the Historic District Commission needed to repair it by anchoring the wall. Lisa Harrington stated another study by a structural engineer is needed to see what's going behind the wall and to get a cost estimate as well. Lisa Harrington suggested using administrative funds to pay for the structural engineering study. Floyd Carman suggested waiting for the October meeting to vote as a preliminary application will be submitted by Steve Dorrance.

Project Updates: FY16-FY19

FY16 Project Homer House

Floyd Carman stated that a contract was signed and that the project is moving forward.

FY17 Project Clay Pit Pond

Floyd Carman stated that he has held up the contract signing due to pending check in the amount of \$68,000 from Belmont Veterans, check has been received and with the Town Administrator to have the selectmen approve on as part of an agenda item. Work has begun on the path and the restoration of the Veteran's Memorial.

FY18 Grove Street Tennis Courts

Margaret Velie noted that the Grove Street Tennis Courts are just about completed as people were using the tennis courts.

FY18 Sherman Gardens

Gloria Leipzig stated the scope of the services will be advertised by the end of September.

FY18 Sons of Italy

Lisa Harrington stated that a site visit will be necessary before 100% payment. Lisa Harrington will follow up with Sons of Italy for site visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Castro