

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
OWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
January 9, 2019**

PRESENT: Peter Pingitore – Charimain, Artie Crocker – Vice Chairman, Robert Dermody, Paul Alpert, Robert Boder, Joe Barnes, Rick Zimbone

ABSENT: Chris Gerstel

STAFF: Carys Lustig, Staff Liaison
Kristen Wright, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: None

Mr. Pingitore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Highland Room at Town Hall.

Chairman's Updates

No updates were presented.

Determination of Eligibility

FY2019-01 First Baptist Church

This request is for \$799,040 for the restoration and preservation of the front porch and historic clock at First Baptist Church under Historic Preservation. Mr. Boder confirmed that this location is on the Historic Register for the Town, but was unsure about the national registry. Mr. Pingitore asked for a copy of the full inventory of Historic properties. Mr. Boder stated that the Historic Commission would like to wait on funding until the plan is approved by them. Mr. Pingitore stated that we are still looking to approve this project for eligibility of funding and that many questions can be considered during the due diligence of the Committee. Mr. Pingitore asked Mr. Dermody to discuss with the proponent about presenting to the Historic Commission and Ms. Lustig stated she would follow up with Town Council.

Mr. Alpert made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding under Historic Preservation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boder. Mr. Crocker asked for clarification as to why this project would not be eligible. Mr. Dermody stated that he'd like to hear from Town Council before voting on eligibility. **Mr. Alpert withdrew his previous motion. Mr. Dermody made a motion to defer the vote of eligibility for this project until after discussing with Town Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pingitore and was approved. 7 – 0.**

FY2019-10 Cricket Field Fieldhouse

This request is for \$163,765 for the renovation of the current Cricket Field Fieldhouse to make it accessible for all abilities under Recreation. Mr. Barnes stated that the request is for design funds. Mr. Alpert asked if it was fully eligible or partially eligible. Ms. Lustig stated that design funds have previously been used for field renovations. Mr. Pingitore asked if it was a significant renovation. Ms. Lustig stated that it was a simple renovation of the Field House. There was discussion about the determination of Cricket Field being a marked a Historic property, why funding was being sourced from Community Preservation instead of raising field fees, and what was Field House consisted of as well as its intended use. Mr. Pingitore stated that all of this discussion points would be part of the due diligence of the project and did not specifically speak to the eligibility of the project. **Mr. Dermody made a motion that this proposal was eligible for CPA funding under Recreation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and was approved 7 – 0.** Mr. Pingitore reminded all members to submit any new questions for this proponent to Ms. Lustig.

Liaison Updates

FY2019-03 Needham Housing Authority – Consultants for Modernization/Redevelopment of Affordable Housing

This request is for \$150,000 to hire consultants to manage the modernization and redevelopment of the affordable housing in Needham under Community Housing. No updates were presented.

FY2019-06 Design of Fisher Street Trailhead, Needham Rail Trail

This request is for \$15,000 to design the Fisher Street Trailhead on the Needham Rail Trail under Recreation. Mr. Crocker stated that this is for design and there is another funding source for the construction of this project.

FY2019-07 Town Common Renovation

This request is for \$117,000 for the renovation of the green space in the Town Common under Open Space, Historic Preservation and Recreation. Mr. Dermody stated that he had preliminary contact with the proponent regarding this project. Ms. Lustig stated she would circulate the answers for the Committee to review.

FY2019-08 Passive Recreation Improvements – Dwight Field/Charles River Center

This request is for \$35,000 for design to improve the passive recreation space between Dwight Field and the Charles River Center under Open Space and Recreation. Mr. Pingitore stated he was meeting with Mr. Olsen later this week.

FY2019-09 Rosemary Lake Projects

This request is for \$200,000 Mr. Crocker stated that he had been in contact with Ms. Carey regarding the dock. There was a discussion about logistics and if there was a concrete or conceptual plan in place. Mr. Crocker stated that the plan for the dock seemed pretty concrete. Mr. Pingitore asked committee members continue to forward their questions to Ms. Lustig to be circulated.

FY2019-11 Cricket Field Renovation

This request is for \$480,000 in construction funding to replace the irrigation system at Cricket Field under Open Space and Recreation. Mr. Barnes shared some of the conversation that he had previously had with Mr. Olsen. There was some discussion about the irrigation system and questions about leaving the original system in the ground instead of removing it.

FY2019-12 Playground Improvements

This request is for \$350,000 in construction funding to add ADA features at Greene's and Cricket Fields. No updates were presented.

Withdrawn Applications

FY2019-02 Needham Housing Authority- Captain Robert Cook Drive-Building Repairs

FY2019-04 Needham Housing Authority – Director for Modernization & Development Position

FY2019-05 Needham Housing Authority – Study to Evaluate Needham Housing Authority and Wellesley Housing Authority Merger and Consolidation

Next Steps

Scheduling Meetings with Proponents

February 13th: Proponents will be invited to present from:

- Town Common Renovation Project (FY2019-07)
- Passive Recreation Improvements (FY2019-08)
- Rosemary Lake Project (FY2019-09)
- Playground Improvements (FY2019-12)

February 27th: Proponents will be invited from:

- First Baptist Church (FY2019-01)
- NHA Consultants for Modernization/Redevelopment of Affordable Housing (FY2019-03)
- Design of Fisher Street Trail Head (FY2019-06)
- Cricket Field Fieldhouse (FY2019-10)
- Cricket Field Renovations (FY2019-11)

Consultation with Fin Com – January 23rd

Mr. Zimbone stated that meeting on January 23rd was too early to discuss and this should be held after our February meetings. Ms. Lustig will reschedule.

February 13th Meeting – Presentation from Community Preservation Coalition

Mr. Stuart Saginor will present first at our February 13th meeting.

Vote: Approve Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of December 12, 2018. Mr. Zimbone moved to accept the minutes from December 12, 2018. Mr. Crocker seconded, and the motion passed 7 – 0.

Adjournment

Mr. Zimbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43PM. Mr. Crocker seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright
Recording Secretary