

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

March 19, 2019

Members Present: John Feener, Karen Carter, Barbara Silberman, Pamela Tobey, and Hank McCarl.

Absent: Catherine Schlichte, Ellen Preston, and Heidi Wakeman.

Members of the public: JD MacEachern.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:03PM by Barbara S.

Item #1 Approval of minutes for February 19

MOTION: John F. moved to approve minutes for February 19, 2019 as written. Seconded by Pamela T. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstained. Motion passes.

Item #2 2019 Eligibility Forms

Campbell Funeral Home - John F. recused himself from the discussion related to Campbell Funeral home. Hank M. noted the Committee does not typically fund painting. There was discussion about their status as a private business and the need for a preservation guarantee/easement on the property in order to receive CPA funding. Include site visit to see boards to determine what aspects can be funded as well as, the need for an easement.

Wrought Iron Fences – Barbara S. stated she believes this to be ineligible. There was further discussion related to which category this project would be eligible under. Consensus was reached that this project is ineligible as designed.

Basketball Court Conversion at Stage Fort Park – JD MacEachern shared his concerns related to this project. He said this court is still used as a basketball court and the major basketball court in the City was lost years ago. There was discussion as to whether or not the City is aware and in support of this project. Barbara S. stated that we may want to ask how they are sure the basketball court is not being used regularly. John F. stated the Committee should ask if the project meets the needs of the Community. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible as written.

Hammonds Castle – Jaimie C. stated that this project was determined to be eligible in the last round of funding. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Magnolia Historical Society - Jaimie C. stated that this project was determined to be eligible in the last round of funding. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Stage Fort Park Cannon Restoration – John F. stated that this project is not open space. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Elizabeth Gordon Smith Garden Improvements – John F. voiced his support for this project. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Masonry and Palladian Window at Beauport – John F. asked if this is more than just maintenance repairs. There was discussion related to how this will be an important restoration and will be done to maintain historically accurate.

Memorial Wood Wall – Jaimie C. provided the pictures related to this project. Consensus was reached that this project is not eligible as written.

Tarr and Wonson Paint Factory – There was discussion related to the use of CPA funds for capital improvements and improving handicap accessibility. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Cape Ann Museum Map Project – Barbara S. clarified the project. There was discussion about how this project fits into the category of Historical Preservation. There was discussion related to suggesting this project find a way to be included in Open Space. Consensus was reached that this project is ineligible as written.

The Past is a Present – Hank M. expressed his support for this project. Consensus was reached that this project is ineligible as written.

YMCA Camp Spindrift – Karen C. recused herself from this discussion. There was discussion related to this property being privately held. Do funds generated from rental fees go back into serving the public? Consensus was reached that this project is eligible. Include language in letter stating not all aspects of the project are eligible.

New Cape Ann YMCA Facility – There was discussion related to how accessible this playground will be to the public. Consensus was reached that this project is eligible.

Item #3 Contract Extension Limit Discussion

Barbara S. stated that contract extensions should be limited to one year and second extensions will only be approved in extraordinary circumstances. John F. asked if financial burdens would be seen as a justifiable reason for an extension. There was discussion related to what would be considered for an extraordinary circumstance. John F. stated that language in contracts outlining that lacking communication could be terms to lose the right to extensions. Barbara S. stated that the language should focus on reporting and extensions will not be available to those who do not provide regular reports. There was discussion about making sure there is language related contract maintenance.

Next meeting – April 23

MOTION: Barbara S. moved to adjourn. Seconded by John F. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.

Documents Reviewed:

Eligibility Forms Received

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Corliss