

Community Preservation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
7:30 p.m.
Online Remote meeting

Members Present: Barbara McMahon, Chair; Allan Port, Vice Chair; Raina McManus, Mark Wolfson, Emily Maitin, Janice Coduri, Tom Taylor; Stephen Murphy

Members Absent: Mason Smith

Guests: Ann-Mara Lanza; Select Board Liaison

This meeting was called to order by Barbara McMahon at 7:30 PM.

Citizens Speak: Nobody was present for Citizen Speak.

Updated Financial Plan: Mr. Port gave a review of the updated Financial Plan. There were no significant changes from the plan previously distributed. Slight adjustments were made to match figures being used by the Town's Finance office. Mr. Port pointed out that the \$315,000 for the Weed Harvester will be voted on at Annual Town Meeting but will be coming from the FY21 budget so that NRC can purchase the harvester as soon as possible with the hope of having use of it this season. Mr. Port also pointed out that the plan carries a line for "other projects" in case there are any additional requests in this fiscal year. There have been no indications thus far that this will be the case.

Ms. McMahon mentioned that there will be a Special Town Meeting in the fall where a request for a CPA appropriation for the new Affordable Housing Trust could be requested. This request could be for the technical aspect of setting up the Trust. She also mentioned that there could be future requests for the next stage in the Barton Road/Washington Street complex study as well as a request related to the interior renovations to Town Hall. The is the financial pan presented that will be going in the Advisory Report.

Stephen Murphy made a motion to approve the Wellesley Community Preservation Act Financial Plan dated March 3, 2021. Mark Wolfson seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Approve Community Preservation Coalition Membership: Dues for the Community Preservation Coalition Membership will be \$4305.00.

Allan Port made a motion to approve the Community Preservation Membership Dues. Stephen Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

A notice was sent out by the Coalition about a piece of legislation circulating on Beacon Hill regarding affordable housing and taking out mortgages/house financing. The CPC was asked to sign on in support of the legislation. More information will come regarding this in the future.

Old Business/New Business:

- **Housing Authority:** Ms. Coduri elaborated on the Tise Report. The study began as a question if the Wellesley Housing Authority could improve the condition and increase the number of

affordable housing units at Barton Road with the possibility of revenues generated there being used to improve the units at Washington Street/Morton Circle. The Tise study indicates Barton Road has the potential for redevelopment but the question of using revenue for Washington Street/Morton Circle is unclear. The report has been submitted and will be circulated to the rest of the CPC.

- Natural Resources Committee: Ms. McManus shared that the aqueduct bathroom is moving forward and went before the Design Board. Hopefully an RFP will be submitted soon.
- Recreation Department: Mr. Wolfson shared that the Recreation Department has met with many boards receiving positive feedback and working on their timeline for the Morses Pond Bath House and beachfront Project. The main concern is the project length. With Town Meeting approval, the next phase feasibility study will be completed. The goal is to return next year with a complete project package. The idea of creating a working group has been entertained.

Ms. McMahan mentioned that the School Committee and Playing Fields Task Force will be going ahead with money appropriated 3 years ago from the CPA and private funding for bathrooms at the High School Track and field.

Approval of minutes: Allan Port made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 2/10/2021. Stephen Murphy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with an 8-0 vote.

Adjourn: This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.