

DRAFT MINUTES

Community Preservation Committee

September 22, 2020

Present: Steven Blake, Brenda Bowman, Patrick Crowley, Beverly Goodale, Patricia Halpin, Christopher Rucho, Vincent Vignaly

Absent: Bill Chase, Sarah Miles

Chair Patrick Crowley called zoom meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Attendance was called by role call.

Minutes of February 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Upon motion of Christopher Rucho and second of Steven Blake were voted and accepted. Christopher Rucho having been absent from meeting abstained.

The Public Hearing to seek public commentary of the proposed Community Preservation Plan is tabled until we can meet in person and entertain questions from the public.

The application of the Affordable Housing Trust for a grant of \$25,000 to address the community housing needs of West Boylston was presented by the chair, Patricia Halpin. Discussion recognized the need for affordable housing for seniors but questioned as to the lack of progress in area and the fact that previous grants had not been spent. Issues raised included the lack of availability of buildable land and town owned land such as Tivnan Way, the interpretation by some members that the purpose of the request was too narrow, and concern that townspeople are not given priority. The fact that grants are approved only at Town Meeting hampers the ability of the Trust to act quickly if and when a viable project comes forth.

Vote taken; 3 pro, 4 opposed; Application will not be sent for Town Meeting approval

Steve Blake Yes

Brenda Bowman No

Patrick Crowley No

Beverly Goodale No

Patricia Halpin Yes

Christopher Rucho No

Vincent Vignaly Yes

Applications from Park Facilities Committee: Mixer Reconstruction and Renovation Project is forthcoming. Meeting will be scheduled.

Question raised as to use of electronic applications as voted in February 10 2020 meeting. Decided that both should be used; electronic applications to members and 10 hard copies brought by applicant for use at meetings once in person meetings resume.

New CPC email address: community-preservation@westboylston-ma.gov

Upon motion of Christopher Rucho and second of Steve Blake the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Halpin, clerk