

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
6/18/20, 7:00PM
Remote Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members Present: Dan Byer, Peter Denton, Anne Mazar and Lawney Tinio.
Non-members Present: Bill McHenry

Annual Town Meeting warrant items were discussed.

McHenry explained the need to get the permitting done for the well that would serve the potential affordable housing at 52 Providence Street. He said the well would have the capacity to serve the Mendon Senior Center also, but CPA funds could not be used to service the Senior Center. This would be finishing up the work from a \$26,500 MA Small town Housing Choice Grant. This site would be much less expensive to permit than the 46-1 Providence Street site. **Byer made a motion to recommend the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Account to complete the initial phase of public water supply permitting for development of affordable homes at 52 Providence Street, Mendon, MA, Tinio seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Tinio made a motion to recommend that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the engineering costs to determine the landscape, drainage improvements and other related costs required at the Town Beach Facility, Denton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Tinio made a motion to recommend that the Town transfer \$1,200 from the Community Preservation Historical Preservation Account to install gutters on the historic Records Room building, Denton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion on the pollinator garden project. Denton felt that in this time of budget austerity it was a project that was not urgent, even though the money is in the CPA accounts. Mazar pointed out that the CPA funds have greatly helped the town budget, for example through paying for one third of the new police station, by adaptive reuse of the old fire station and reroofing the historic town hall. Mazar said it was an educational project for school children and the general public to learn about the essential need to support the declining numbers of pollinators and their important role in the human food system. She also said there are many volunteers who support the project, so these funds would go far and that is was a multi-year project. Denton asked if the Finance Committee supported the project and Mazar said yes. Denton also asked if more money would be requested. Mazar said that the project would use as much in-kind support as possible, but it is the removal of the invasive non-natives mechanically that would be expensive, but required and the rest of the funding would go towards the purchase of native plants. **Tinio made a motion to recommend that the town**

transfer \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account and the Community Preservation Open Space Account to fund the installation of a native pollinator meadow at 20 Milford Street in the Muddy Brook Conservation Area, Byer seconded the motion and Tinio, Byer and Mazar approved the motion and Denton abstained. It passed by a majority.

Tinio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM, Denton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar