

# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT STUDY GROUP

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Minutes: April 9, 2020  
Remote  
7:00 PM

Members present (all remote): STEVEN WEISMAN, CHAIR; C. PATRICK DUNNE, VICE-CHAIR; BOB BERMAN; SHEILA M. CUSOLITO; EVE LEWINGER; THOMAS MAHONEY; ELIZABETH ROY; DOUG STEPHAN; FRED WALLACE; AMY WEADER

Members absent: STEPHEN MELTZER; RICHARD SHAPIRO

Public: none

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2020 were approved unanimously

## **DISCUSSIONS**

1. Call last week from Community Preservation Coalition, conversation with George King about report timing
  - a. Mr. Weisman talked with Mr. King today. He is happy we are making progress and aim to submit on schedule. We can present at the first meeting in May. He hopes they might have live meetings in May, but might plan to present a live report in June. Suggests that, although it is unusual, we ask that the report be referred to the Finance subcommittee and the Sustainability committee, since that was our originator. He thinks this can be submitted to the Secretary of State by September for the November ballot. He is concerned about costs to the taxpayer.
  - b. Mr. Weisman talked with Mr. Saginor last week. He is pleased we are continuing to work on adoption, some other communities have abandoned the effort. He strongly recommends keeping the cost to the average residential taxpayer at or under \$50 per year.
  - c. Discussion: Are our minutes going to the Council members? No, but they are posted, so available to them. We should keep in touch with councilors.
  - d. We will not be voting on a surcharge % tonight, but Elizabeth will model lower surcharge.
2. Team Reports
  - a. Ms. Cusolito reported that her report is too long, she has no computer to work on at home. She was encouraged to share what she has, and let committee cut her report down to size if needed.
  - b. Mr. Weisman is trying to fit the team reports into a standard framework. He will set up phone conversations with team leaders over the weekend to work on:

- i. Goals. Driven by municipal documents when possible.
  - ii. Accomplishments
  - iii. Lost opportunities and unmet needs
  - iv. Future projects Need to look at Belmont report for how they presented these.
- c. Discussion:
  - i. Mr. Dunne will work with Mr. Berman on the outdoor recreation part. Distribution of resources/needs; passive recreation;
  - ii. Farm Pond can fit in both open space and outdoor recreation, maybe historic preservation as well.
  - iii. Community gardens fit in somewhere.

### **3. Ordinance Draft - Amy Weader**

- a. We discussed whether activities of the CPC should be explicitly laid out, or left to the committee to set up. Should we include an application template in the ordinance? Mr. Weisman wants the funding application process detailed in the ordinance. Ms. Weader feels that the Committee should set its own process within the bounds of the CP Act and the IGR, but will look for a model application to include in our report. She feels that guidelines for the committee should not be part of the ordinance. Ms. Cusolito pointed out that the Coalition recommends explicit agreements between the CPC and nongovernmental entities.

### **4. Draft final Report**

- a. Deliverables: Mr. Weisman will provide new draft report  
Ms. Cusolito will deliver her section report  
Mr. Dunne will look for relevant projects from other communities  
Mr. Weisman will consult with team leaders  
Ms. Weader will look for application from coalition

### **5. Other Matters**

- a. Further meetings: April 16, 23, 30.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public attended

**ADJOURNMENT:** Voted unanimously at about 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Weader, Clerk

***Approved: April 30, 2020***