



Town of Carlisle

MASSACHUSETTS 01741

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Drew McMorrow, *CPC Chair and Recreation Commission Member*, Barney Arnold, *Select Board Chair*, Addie Grady, *Planning Board Member*, Krissy O'Shea, *Historical Commission Member*, Sam Rottenberg, *Citizen-at-large*,

Members Absent

Helen Young, *Conservation Commission*, Christine Johnson-Battista, *Affordable Housing Trust Member*

Staff Present

Jennine Blum, *Administrative Assistant*

Others Present

Kaitlin Waterson, *Gleason Public Library Trustee, Treasurer*, Rob Kearney, *Carlisle Mosquito Writer*

6:00 p.m. Drew McMorrow called the meeting to order.

Vote on withdrawal of Article 16, Motion 2 – (FY '23 CPA Recommendations)

Drew announced that the GPL interior renovation motion for Town Meeting has been withdrawn. He acknowledged that the process got a slow start and that could have been handled better. He stated that a special Town Meeting in the fall is anticipated, and the project will not need to wait very long. He is hopeful that the fundraising will be successful, and the project will not be delayed. He stated that the withdrawal of the motion is not to be interpreted as any indication that the committee, he, or any member of the committee does not support the project and funding it with CPA funds. Kaitlin Waterson, GPL Trustee, stated that they appreciated Drew's statement and understand additional time is an advantage for all.

Barney Arnold stated that this was a good learning experience and a reminder for all. It unfortunately happens in other areas of town where there is a project that is moving forward, and not everyone who should be involved from the ground floor has been included.

Drew stated that public-private partnerships can take a long time – the new high school plan took six years, the Beede Center – eleven years and the dog park is in its fifth year. The library project is on a relatively fast track. Perhaps not as fast as everyone wants, but he thinks as fast as the town can take in its processes.

Samantha Rottenberg commented that she appreciated the flexibility of the Trustees in this matter. She thinks it really is a great project and is looking forward to seeing it move ahead.

Barney stated that the SB and other committees tend to make decisions in isolation and react to a specific project. The SB wants to work on having more of a capital projects understanding and plan

so we can put significant new projects in that context as we're considering them. This also came up in individual comments from residents questioning priorities and changes in priorities of projects chosen to move forward, for example, the community center.

Kaitlin that she would take the CPC members' comments back to the Trustees and thanked the CPC.

In following up on Barney's comment, Addie Grady added that it's important to have more robust conversations about the competing priorities in town. Unfortunately, what happens often is when there's a motivated group or individual who is willing to throw some effort and heart behind moving a project forward, that's what gets it moved forward and it's not necessarily based on prioritization.

Drew said he thinks the work the CPC did earlier this year in considering the Master Plan and in considering what would be the basis for the CPC to advance a project to Town Meeting or not addresses where the CPC might say no but doesn't address the issue that Addie is raising. If a motivated and strong volunteer gets behind it, it can happen, if not, it never will. If the CPC identifies which community preservation projects it wishes to see happen and begins to think about how it can recruit strong volunteers, that would be a way to fill that gap.

Sam Rottenberg moved the motion to withdraw Article 16, Motion 2 for the GPL interior renovation project from the warrant.

Addie Grady seconded the motion. |

Roll call vote. Barney Arnold – Aye, Sam Rottenberg – Aye, Krissy O'Shea – Aye, Addie Grady – Aye, Drew McMorrow – Aye

All in favor (5 to 0).

Other Business

Town Meeting Preparation

- Article 16, Motion 3 - clarification

For the purposes of finalizing the new motions handbook, Barney wanted to confirm that there were enough funds in the Open Space bucket and all the funds (\$300,000) for the Cranberry Bog Dam #1 project will be taken from there.

Drew stated that after Article 16, Motion 1 passes the estimated Open Space Fund balance will be \$342,409. \$300,000 can be taken from this fund and there won't be a need to take anything from the Undesignated Fund. Drew will have Kelly Beyer, Town Accountant, confirm this.

Barney will follow up with Ryan about the change in language to state that Motion 3 will all be coming out of the Open Space Reserve Fund.

- Drew will read the motion from the new motions handbook at Town Meeting.
- Several members will attend Town Meeting and are welcome to identify their role and make comments of support and appreciation.
- Grant application
 - Drew hasn't received any feedback on the draft from Town Counsel or Ryan yet.
 - Barney will follow up with Ryan about whether it's customary to have hard copies available at Town Meeting. She will also ask Ryan to post it on the website.

CPA Plan

Discussion delayed to future meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Adjournment

Addie Grady moved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Barney Arnold Seconded the motion.

All in favor (5 to 0).

Documents Submitted

None