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Community Preservation Committee
MINUTES OF THE April 10th, 2023 MEETING
Held Virtually using Zoom Online Software

Members Present:

Nancy Heller, Chair
David Lescohier, Vice-Chair
Clara Batchelor
John Spiers
Blair Hines
Jenny Raitt
Joanne Sullivan
Samuel Burrington

Members Absent:

Mini Kolluri

Staff: Tina McCarthy

Ms. Heller called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

Members reviewed the CPC minutes of 3/13/2023.

Ms. Raitt moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Vote:

Jenny Raitt-yes; David Lescohier-yes; Nancy Heller-yes; John Spiers-yes; Joanne Sullivan- yes;
Samuel Burrington- yes; Blair Hines- yes

Public Hearing- Warrant Article 8:

Ms. Heller introduced the warrant article and opened the public hearing. Mr. Lescohier explained the reasoning behind the budget warrant article. The Committee had been waiting for an updated state match estimate from the Department of Revenue. The difference in the estimates of the budget were 1.5%, so the numbers were not adjusted from the article as filed.

Ms. Sullivan asked Mr. Lescohier if the budget situation would always be varying with CPA. Mr. Lescohier explained his conversation with the Community Preservation Coalition, and confirmed that the varying funds are unavoidable because of the funding mechanism. The Coalition was attempting to pass legislation to stabilize the funding, but a fix would take time.

Ms. Batchelor joined the meeting.

Public Comment:

Rhea Paul spoke representing Brookline GBIO's housing justice committee. The group was monitoring progress of the committee. She asked questions about the real estate surcharge amount and process to change it.

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49 Mr. Lescohier moved to support Warrant Article 8 as submitted. Ms. Raitt seconded the motion.
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51 Vote:

52 Jenny Raitt-yes; David Lescohier-yes; Nancy Heller-yes; John Spiers-yes; Joanne Sullivan- yes;
53 Samuel Burrington- yes; Blair Hines- yes; Clara Batchelor- yes
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55 Mr. Lescohier asked staff to notify moderator of the motion, and confirm that Ms. Heller would
56 present the Article.
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59 **CPA Plan Workgroup update:**

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61 Ms. Heller gave an update about progress with the focus groups and asked members about their
62 availability. She confirmed the schedule change for the Community Charette to June 5th at 6:30. The
63 workgroup was working with JM Goldson to draft assemble materials for info sheets. Ms. Heller
64 wanted a space at the high school at 22 Tappan or main high school auditorium for the Community
65 Charette. She noted that graduation was the day before, so it may be available. Mr. Spiers and Mr.
66 Burrington confirmed they would plan to attend to represent Historic Preservation and Open Space
67 respectively.

68 Ms. McCarthy presented the consultant's draft profiles and agreed to send the word version out to
69 the full committee for their review.

70 Ms. Batchelor expressed disappointment with the open space and recreation materials and
71 encouraged everyone to go through the materials carefully. Ms. Raitt mentioned that she intended
72 to make edits for housing.

73 Discussion turned to the status of the Housing Production Plan. Ms. Raitt explained that the Housing
74 Advisory Board would meet next Wednesday vote to recommend the updated plan. The planning
75 board and select board would vote to adopt it after that. The latest update to the draft plan was
76 completed in March.
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80 **Public Comment for items not on the agenda:**

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82 Rhea Paul- thanked the committee for their work and took the link for the HPP.

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84 **Other Business:**

85 Ms. Batchelor confirmed that the park and rec letter would be discussed at the May 8th meeting.

86 Ms. Raitt confirmed that she would be ready to have a housing discussion at the June meeting &
87 would invite HAB members.

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89 Ms. Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Speirs seconded the motion.

90 Jenny Raitt-yes; David Lescohier-yes; Nancy Heller-yes; John Spiers-yes; Joanne Sullivan- yes;
91 Samuel Burrington- yes; Blair Hines- yes; Clara Batchelor- yes
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94 The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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