

Town of Becket Community Preservation Public Hearing

Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:34

Present: Neil Toomey, Rita Furlong, Cindy Delpapa, Jan Elovirta, Gail Kusek

Absent: James Levy

Guest: Madelaine Z. Elovirta, Becket Parks and Recreation Committee member

Rita Furlong, CPC, abstained from voting due to her membership on Becket Parks & Rec. Committee

1. Mrs. Elovirta presented a brief summary of the replacement beach shed and portable toilet enclosure. Structure will be 10' x 20' and is asking \$17,000.00 for the project. Two dead trees will be removed with the Conservation Commission permission. Neil made a motion to continue this project to the Annual Town Meeting warrant and selectmen. Jan seconded. Vote passed.
2. Mrs. Elovirta also presented a Parks and Recreation Committee proposal to replace the wooden fitness trail equipment at North Becket Park for a cost of \$22,000.00. Neil made a motion to recommend this project to the ATM and selectmen. Jan seconded. Vote: two yes and two abstained. A discussion followed because this motion did not pass. Jan and Neil read about the powers and duties of this committee because the two nay voters said they did not recommend this proposal. They did not object to the project going to the ATM however. Therefore Neil made a motion to rescind the previous motion. Jan seconded it. Vote passed.
Neil then presented a reworded motion saying that the committee should continue this project to the ATM warrant and selectmen. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

Public Hearing closed at 7:00.

Community Preservation Committee meeting then occurred.

1. Minutes of March 21, 2018 were approved.
2. Discussion followed regarding the poor state of the town accountant's report as to the balances of the CPC accounts. Rita had met with the accountant and disagreed with the balances as the 2017-18 contributions were not even included in the report. Balances totally disagreed with the previous town administrator's spread sheet. However, we all agree that the overall amount in the account would allow us to fund the two passed

proposals. Rita and other members of the committee will try to reconcile the true balances by going over the previous two years numbers and then meet with the accountant and try to correct errors in balance.

3. Cindy made a motion to fund the two projects from the Undesignated Fund if they are approved at the ATM. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

Rita will send a notification to the town administrator to let him know of the needed articles.

1. Beach shed- \$17,000.00 to be funded from the CPC Undesignated account.
2. Replacement fitness equipment -\$22,000.00 to be funded from the Undesignated account.
3. Administrative costs account -\$500.00 to be funded from the Undesignated account.

4. Old/new business:

1. Rita submitted a request for payment of the Community Preservation Coalition dues of \$300.00 to the town treasurer as directed to at the previous meeting. The accountant declined to pay this because we had already paid the bill in August of 2017. Rita called the coalition and they apologized for sending another request for dues. They said that we are paid in full until fiscal year 2019.

2. Cindy said that she would remove the PDF format for application for funding to the CPC from the town web site. It appears to not be working correctly. There will remain a WORD document there. She will also add to the WORD form a more detailed budget page for a clearer understanding of how the money will be spent.

3. We decide to change the dates of the next years meetings and deadlines dates to improve the chances of getting the CPC approved article(s) to the administrator in a timely manner. This year, snowstorms delayed the process.

New proposals will be due to this committee by January 31st of each year.

CPC will then meet on the first Wednesday of February.

Public Hearing for them will be the third Wednesday of February.

Cindy will change these dates on the town web site form.

Next meeting: Jan made a motion that the next CPC meeting will take place after the accounting problem is resolved. Neil seconded. Passed.

Neil will notify us of the date when he has the correct information regarding our financial status.

He told us that the reporting system is as follows: CP1 is the State funding amounts.

CP2 is the town portion of the funding. These two reports are the responsibility of the town administrator and town accountant and are to be sent to the state. CP3 is the ATM passed proposals that our chairperson will submit to the state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, clerk