



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee

Zoom Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

Members (Remotely): John Campbell (Chairman), Leslie Harrison, Andy Dowd, Millie Milton, Jeff Leland, Peter Martin

Members Absent: Andy Clark, Todd Helwig, Sean Durkin

Others (Remotely): Rita Osborne, Julianne Hirsch, Scott Rogers, Lisa Maselli

Chair John Campbell opened the remote meeting at 7:05 p.m. and made the announcement that the open meeting of the Northborough Community Preservation Committee is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. All members of the CPC are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. This Order allows the CPC to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along the deliberations of the meeting. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda unless the Chair notes otherwise. Members of the public who wish to view the live stream of this meeting can do so by going to Northborough remote meetings on YouTube via the link listed on the agenda. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment. The process was explained.

Member Roll Call: Andy Dowd, Leslie Harrison, Millie Milton, Peter Martin, Jeff Leland, John Campbell.

Review of CPA Articles to be presented at Town Meeting: Mr. Campbell said they have been asked by Lynn Trombley, Housing Authority Executive Director, to pass over the Senior Affordable Housing Project (Article 23) and to present the \$75,000 to the Affordable Housing Reserve Account (Article 24) due to the denial of the application from the DHCD. Mr. Campbell read into record the letter from Ms. Trombley dated April 19, 2022. Mr. Dowd said it was disappointing that it was not going to move forward because it was a joint effort and a lot of hard work went into it by the Housing Authority, the CPC and many others involved in the town; the lack of communication from the state is frustrating. An explanation at Town Meeting will be given as to why it is being passed over. The voters will be reminded that Affordable Housing is one of the three core tenants of CPA and emphasize that the need is still there and the Committee will continue to work towards another project.

After the last meeting, it was brought to the Committee's attention that should Article 23 fail, there would not have been a voting mechanism to put the minimum 10% into the Affordable Housing Reserve. There is a backup Article 24 to vote in the minimum 10%; it will be presented.

Mr. Marin made a motion to pass over Article 23 of the Senior Affordable Housing project and to present Article 24 for \$75,000 to the Affordable Housing Reserve Account; Ms. Milton seconded; roll call vote: Dowd-yes; Harrison-yes; Milton-yes; Martin-yes; Leland-yes; Campbell-yes; motion approved.

Ms. Milton made a motion that the CPC reauthorize to the NAHC \$470,000 voted previously at Town Meetings 2015-2019; Mr. Martin seconded; roll call vote: Dowd-yes; Harrison-yes; Milton-yes; Martin-yes; Leland-yes; Campbell-yes; motion approved. Mr. Martin asked if it is understood that the reauthorization is good for two years and was told it was.

The Chair asked for public comment. Julianne Hirsch (19 Smith Road) commented that her questions were answered.

Old/New Business:

Consideration of Minutes (2.10.22) – Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the February 10, 2022 Minutes; Mr. Dowd seconded; roll call vote: Dowd-yes; Harrison-yes; Milton-yes; Martin-yes; Leland-yes; Campbell-yes; motion approved.

Mr. Dowd made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Milton seconded; roll call vote: Dowd-yes; Harrison-yes; Milton-yes; Martin-yes; Leland-yes; Campbell-yes; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Rich
Recording Secretary