

Minutes for Hull CPC Meeting: 08/17/20

Call to Order

A Hull Community Preservation Committee meeting was held remotely on Monday, August 17, 2020.

It was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by CPC Chair Tammy Best.

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Committee Attendees

Greg Grey, Parks and Rec
Jim Ianiri, at-large
Jim Richman, Vice Chair
Fulvia Quilici Matteucci, Treasurer
Tammy Best, CPC Chair
Carol Costello, CPC Consultant
Nathan Payton, Hull Planning Board

Agenda

- Approval of Meeting Minutes (postponed until next meeting to allow committee members to review)
- Review/Approve Application
- Review/Approve Forum Slides

Introductions

Minutes taker Karen Kovach joined the first part of the call. Committee members introduced themselves. Karen stayed on the call to discuss past minutes, then excused herself from the rest of the meeting.

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes/Invoice

The committee requested that invoice amounts be redacted from meeting minutes.

VOTE: Greg Grey made a motion to leave monetary amounts out of minutes, Jim Richman seconded, and further discussion was requested before taking a vote. Fulvia made the case that we should be transparent. Jim I. noted that monetary amounts are available elsewhere (as noted in overall budget and in meeting recordings). Nathan noted that individual itemized amounts don't tell the full story. The motion ultimately passed unanimously. *(Fulvia yes, Nathan yes, Jim I. yes, Jim R. yes, Greg yes, Tammy yes.)*

VOTE: Jim Richman made a motion to approve Karen's invoice dated August 15, 2020 for two sets of meeting minutes, Greg Grey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Nathan yes, Jim I. yes, Jim R. yes, Fulvia yes, Greg yes, Tammy yes.)

NOTE: In the future, Karen will send minutes and invoice to Carol, Tammy, and Fulvia.

Review/Approve Application:

VOTE: Greg Grey made a motion to insert the following language into application (to align with Hingham CPC application phrasing): *It is highly recommended that you include three estimates with your cost evaluation.* Jim Ianiri seconded, and Fulvia requested further discussion before voting.

DISCUSSION: Fulvia reiterated concern from last meeting that with this language, there is still a risk of applicants including only one estimate. She added that because public money is at stake, the committee should hold applicants to a higher standard. If an applicant is not yet prepared with three estimates, they can reapply the following year. Greg still argued for flexibility, with the knowledge that the committee will likely lean toward applicants who provided three estimates. Jim Ianiri asked if Hingham projects have ever been rejected for insufficient quotes and Carol confirmed that they had. Nathan further supported flexibility to show commitment to work with fellow townspeople on worthwhile projects. Tammy agreed but clarified that liaisons should also be held accountable to working with applicants to help them secure multiple estimates. She also urged that the committee hold themselves to a consistent standard. Carol encouraged the committee to vote on the existing motion to ensure the application is finalized before Town Hall meeting.

Fulvia made a substitute motion to include the language suggested at the August 3 meeting: *You MUST include three estimates with your application, unless it is not feasible.* Nathan seconded the motion for discussion. (Greg no, Nathan no, Fulvia yes, Jim I. no, Tammy no.)

Tammy returned to the original motion put forward by Greg. Jim I. seconded. (Greg yes, Nathan yes, Fulvia no, Jim I. yes, Tammy yes.) The motion passed. Language will be added both to application and pre-application.

NOTE: Jim Richman left the call and did not participate in vote.

Review/Approve Forum Slides:

Tammy presented latest slides prepared for the August 24 forum. Updates included feedback from the committee. She made a general reminder to include instructions about how participants can mute themselves if dialed in by phone. Carol suggested bumping up the font on Paragon Carousel slide. Fulvia will also share photos from project and discuss the Historic Preservation Mission. Fulvia asked Tammy to remove examples of historic properties that are town-owned and therefore not subject to CPC funding. That change was captured. Jim R. will present on Community Housing projects. Greg will present on Recreation and provide playground project updates. Tammy will go over sample projects for open space. Carol will capture notes during Suggestions/Ideas portion of the public forum. Jim I. asked that the committee be mindful of making sure the discussion doesn't devolve into looking backward instead of forward. Nathan suggested clearly framing what the CPC *can't* do to limit nonproductive discussion. Nathan also noted that the website is currently out of date and encouraged that it be updated prior to directing forum attendees to resources. Jim I. offered to refocus the conversation as needed. Carol suggested texting Tammy during the forum if something needs to be immediately addressed.

Adjournment

Jim Ianiri moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Nathan Peyton, and approved unanimously.

Summary of Motions

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Respectfully submitted by: Karen (Sikola) Kovach

Revised 9/15/20