

Town of Hull Community Preservation Committee

Minutes: February 5, 2018

The February 5, 2018 meeting of the Community Preservation Committee was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Attending: Jason McCann, Co-Chair; Fulvia Matteucci, Co-Chair; Sarah Das, Treasurer; Jim Ianiri, Secretary; Lou Sorgi; and Joe Reilly.

Absent: Greg Grey

Summary of Discussion

The committee discussed an outline of its March 19, 2018 public forum as presented by Matteucci. The outline includes three sections: an introduction to the CPA, presentations by committee members, and public discussion, followed by a summary.

The introduction includes an overview of the CPA's adoption in 2017; a description of what it can fund; examples of successful projects in other communities; and an explanation of its budget. McCann suggested not spending too much time on the specifics of the application criteria and process.

Section two will include presentations by committee members. Sorgi suggested having each committee member who represents another board introduce his or her board and explain how it relates to the CPA and what projects would fit under CPA funding criteria. In addition, he suggested having each at-large member describe a citizen-suggested project being done in another community and explain how it fits into CPA-eligible funding areas.

The committee agreed that the hardest area to speak about is housing, because CPA funds cannot be used for changes or upgrades to pre-existing, non-CPA-funded housing. Reilly stated that he would get examples of what other communities have done in this regard. Das pointed out that CPA money for housing can also be banked and that this is an opportunity to explain to the public that CPA funds in any category can be saved for future years.

McCann presented an online polling website that will allow forum participants and the television audience to vote in real time on projects that are being discussed. Since the forum will be live on Hull Television, a banner can run along the bottom of the screen directing viewers to the poll website as they view the presentations.

For the third segment of the forum, the committee agreed to have participants break into small discussion groups. Das suggested having one member of the committee join each group in order to facilitate the conversation and present the results to the larger group afterwards. Ianiri suggested that someone take notes on tips or ideas presented during the forum that the committee might want to follow up on later.

The committee will continue to prepare for the presentation at its next meeting. Sorgi said that he would coordinate with Grey from Parks and Recreation, as their areas overlap.

In other business, the committee discussed two flyers created by McCann. One will be distributed to residents as an inclusion in town light bills for a cost to the committee of \$500. The other is a simple flyer for distribution on the boat. These will also be handed out at the Special Town Meeting on February 12. McCann has also created a logo and has purchased the website domain HullCPA.org, which currently redirects to the committee's page on the town website. Committee members will get town email addresses if they do not already have them. Ianiri will draft a letter for publication in the Hull Times.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a unanimous vote after a motion by Sorgi, seconded by Ianiri. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Goldhammer, Recording Secretary