

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY

Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Meeting of September 27, 2023

Minutes

Approved October 11, 2023

Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

CPC Members Present at Call to Order: Cheryl Lowe, Bea Phear, John Rau, John Christensen, Mary Sage Napolitan, Angela Luckey, Jef DuBard

Staff Present at Call to Order: Cindy Krauss, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 30, 2023: Bea Phear made motion and John Christensen seconded, all voted in a roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Fund Reimbursement: John Christensen moved, John Rau seconded, and all voted to approve reimbursement to the Field Fund for expenses relating to the installation of an irrigation system.

2. Eligibility Forms:

DCRHA, Rental Assistance Program - John Rau moved, Bea Phear seconded, all voted in favor to approve the eligibility of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental assistance program and to allow DCFHA to submit a full application.

Harbor Homes MV, 3rd Congregate Housing - Bea Phear moved, Jef duBard seconded, all voted in favor to approve the eligibility of the 3rd Congregate Housing project and to allow Harbor Homes MV to submit a full application.

Island Autism Group, Community Housing - J Rau moved, John Christensen seconded, all voted in favor to approve the Community Housing project and to allow Island Autism Group to submit a full application.

Preservation Trust, Grange Hall Foundation Improvements - Bea Phear moved, Jef DuBard second, all voted in favor to approve the foundation project and to allow the Preservation Trust to submit a full application.

Island Housing Trust, 401 State Road 55 Plus Housing - Jef DuBard moved, Bea Phear seconded, all voted in favor of the 401 State Road 55 Plus Housing project and to allow Island Housing Trust to submit a full application. Bea Phear requested they explain why they are asking different amounts from different towns.

Island Housing Trust, Veterans' Supportive Housing - Bea Phear moved, Jef DuBard seconded, all voted in favor of the Veterans' Supportive Housing project and to allow the Island Housing Trust to submit a full application.

Island Housing Trust, 48 OCR School Employee Housing - Jef DuBard moved, Bea Phear seconded the motion to approve the school employee housing project. John Christensen and John Rau are concerned that this housing is not eligible for community preservation funding because it would be restricted to school employees whose average salaries are too high and would not qualify for affordable housing. It was deemed the project would be eligible subject to confirmation by Stuart Saginor. Exclusivity of just school employees is what's at question and whether it violates any of the codes for the CPC Act. All voted in favor of the project and to allow Island Housing Trust to submit a full application. Further question was raised as to why West Tisbury is being asked to pay half rather than to spread the cost more evenly across the towns.

Martha's Vineyard Garden Club, Old Mill Repairs - John Christensen moved, Jef DuBard seconded, all voted in favor of the Old Mill repair project and to allow Martha's Vineyard Garden Club to submit a full application.

Field Fund, Mulch Playground - Bea Phear moved and John Christensen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the fact that this application came in after the deadline due to erroneous dates on the website. It was determined the tardiness was not the fault of the applicant but result of incorrect information. All voted unanimous to approve the mulch playground project and to accept any other forms that come in late.

3. Community Preservation Coalition: John Christensen sent out a memorandum from the Community Preservation Coalition regarding a drop in CPC surplus spending for Fiscal Year 2024. The Coalition will continue to keep the committees informed.

4. In Person Meetings: The committee discussed whether or not to try to hold in person meetings or to continue to meet via Zoom. Several in person meetings were attempted over the summer with low attendance as the result. Given the recent uptick in Caronavirus cases, it was agreed the committee would stay with Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.

ADJOURNMENT: Jef DuBard moved, Bea Phear seconded, all voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Adjournment: