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Nahant Community Preservation Committee Meeting 30 March 2020 Teleconference

In attendance:

Committee members: Lynne Spencer , Chair – LS Paul Spirn - PS Mirjana Maksimovic - MM Dana Sheehan – DS Mickey Long – ML Ellen Goldberg - EG Austin Antrim – AA Ellen Steves – ES

Convened, 7:05 PM

(LS): Please note that the chat function in Zoom is available for the audience to communicate with the CPC Chair.

Old business --Minutes, 3/17 CPC meeting, approved.

--(LS) After review of active proposals, obligations and open accounts with Town Treasurer, there has been a substantial improvement in the potential expenditures compared to available funds, as follows:

--#17, Library Bond, decreased expenditure

(LS) Treasurer has determined that payment required in FY2021 will be \$60,400, not \$62,800.

--#18, Wildlife Preserve Bond, decreased expenditure

(LS) Likely decrease in funds committed for FY 2021: First year payment is likely to be interest only, at 4% interest = \$32,000; FY 2022 would be principal + interest = \$112K

(LS) Review of conditions before CPA funds are committed: Bonding requires 2/3 vote in Town Meeting; BOS of selectmen must verify commitments of \$3M in private funds before recommending.

(DS) Suggests including full cost of bond including interest (\$2.4-2.8M) in the warrant article.

(LS) Should be included in comments section.

(ML) Town could choose to prepay the note, and/or reamortize.

(EG) That might require another Town Meeting authorization by 2/3 vote.

(DS) Volunteers to help draft article, with language that makes cost clear.

(LS) With all members in attendance, and in light of new information about lower projected payment in FY2021, asks for proposal to repeat the vote on this application:

APPROVED, 7-1 – YES: PS (proposed), ES (seconded), EG, ML, MM, AA, LS; NO: DS Sum: \$1.5M (LS) A number of clawbacks of unspent funds are proposed, from the following funds to increase revenue available for FY 2021:

21c, Recreation Feasibility study - \$3,900
APPROVED, 7-1 – YES: PS (proposed), ED (seconded), EG, ML, MM, AA, LS; NO: DS
21d, Wharf Sea Wall debt - \$159
APPROVED, 8-0
27i, Wharf walls and boat ramp - \$12,900
APPROVED, 8-0
33p, \$29.45; 25a, \$.41
APPROVED, 8-0
15e, 20b, Public Ways studies - \$13,000
Previously approved.

Housing Authority proposals: #4 - \$45,000; 5,6 - \$200,000

(ML) It would be possible to reduce costs, if the state approves funding for hires to do the work, instead of procurement contracting at Boston metropolitan rates.

(LS) Hopefully the Capital Expenditures Expense Assessment Team will be helpful assuring the quality of work.

(DS) Does the project still permit the use of vinyl siding, despite the objection of the CPC?

(ML) Approval of disbursement is conditioned on the HA Executive Director will presenting the project specifications to CPC for its approval of materials.

(LS) That constitutes a continuing supervisory role for CPC after Town Meeting.

New Business

--Town meeting warrant articles

CPC members will compose drafts and forward to EG by April 2 for her to collate and redistribute the full slate to the members. Assignments: LS: #4,11 PS: #2,10,12, 14

AA: #3, 8 ML: #4,5,6, 18 DS: #7

--Open discussion

(EG) Has Julie Tarmey revised the Historical Society proposal (#3) to accept lower funding support, by reordering priorities?

(LS) She has accepted the CPC approval of decreased funding, but has yet to indicate changes in prioritizing.

--Next meetings, 6 and 13 April, 2020

Adjourned, 8:20PM

Submitted and accepted, 20 April 2020 Paul Spirn, Recording Secretary