

Community Preservation Committee

Wednesday, November 16th 2023

6pm – Town Hall Auditorium

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started at 6:06pm

Present: Lara Dubin, Mary King, Lindsay McCarthy, Den Lanou, Susan Space, Bob Emberly

Absent: Tammy Pelletier, Robin Conley (Robin had another meeting to attend but she did drop off some delicious apple crisp to share for the CPA Info Forum.)

Purpose of meeting: To hold a brief discussion prior to the start of the Annual CPA Informational Forum to share any new information regarding promoting/facilitating use of Affordable Housing funds that committee members have learned. Questions that we are pondering: Who is the bridge to connect the people in need to our CPA Affordable Housing funds? Can we define the small ways in which CPA funds can be used for housing and define the process for how to connect those in need to these funds?

Deb and Lindsay reported that they watched the Affordable Housing webinar that was presented at noon on Nov. 16 by the MSA (Massachusetts Selectboard Association) and which focused on funding sources for affordable housing initiatives. Deb reported that the webinar did not answer the questions she had, and Lindsay stated that she did not feel the webinar was geared for our level.

Susan suggests looking at the Town Master Plan for answers as to what group or committee might take on this bridge role.

Lindsay suggests that we might invite someone from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to a meeting to discuss if they might be a possible bridge.

Bob will reach out to Loaves and Fishes and Neighbors At Home to see if they would be interested in learning more about how our Affordable Housing CPA funds may be useful to them.

Deb reported that the consensus of the Council On Aging is that its committee doesn't fit the role needed to take on the task of distributing approved CPA funds for Affordable Housing.

Deb also informed us that the COA will be assigning a new rep to send to the CPC as she is now Chair of the COA.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Deb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Lara Dubin

10/24/23

Approved for postage
