



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendance:

Committee: James Conant (JC), Thomas Cracolici (TC); John Dickson (JD); George Moran (GM); Simon Muil (SM)

Other attendees: CJ Hoss, City Planner (CH)

Absent: Shirley Edgerton (SE) Alexandra Groff (AG); Sheila Irvin (SI); Danielle Steinmann (DS)

JC called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1) ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

2) OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK FROM SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING

CH explained how the public input portion of the meeting was conducted. Overall the attendees favored recreation of the four topic areas. CH noted strong support for the construction of pickleball courts. JC asked if the court case related to the use of CPA funds on religious buildings had been adjudicated. CH responded that he had not heard a result but would be following progress. SM asked if not for profits or other clubs or associations were allowable recipients. CH responded that they were.

3) REVIEW OF PROJECT RATING CRITERIA

JC introduced the rating criteria and asked if there were any questions. SM responded that he didn't have any edits but he thought the criteria were well developed. CH explained that the Committee did not need a final decision at this time. JD explained why some of the categories were included as part of developing the criteria.

4) REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SURVEY

CH explained that he found a few examples of what other communities had developed for a community CPA survey. Those examples were part of how the survey was developed. JD noted that this was an attempt to provide a deeper analysis of community needs in comparison to the public input that was provided at September's meeting. CH agreed and noted that they would make a few alterations based on staff involved in the specific subject areas. JD asked a question related to how CPA could help residents access housing. CH provided a few examples of how the City could explore other programs that makes housing accessible to residents rather than specifically for the creation or rehabilitation of housing units. JD asked for further clarification of the wording related to housing. CH offered to

provide substitute language for review. SM asked how the survey would make public. CH explained it would be located on the City's website and a press release would go out, but it is up to the group to circulate the survey in public.

5) UPDATES

GM asked if there would be another public hearing. CH explained the Committee is required to have one per year, and that one would be held prior to the Committee adopting the plan. GM asked about when the plan would be potentially adopted. CH confirmed that the plan was to aim for January

JC noted that another meeting will be needed in November to ensure the Committee's progress on developing the Preservation Plan. SM motioned to hold a meeting on November 13th at 6:00 pm, seconded by GM. All in favor. CH provided an explanation of the need for the meeting to review components of the plan.

6) ADJOURNMENT

SM made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 pm, seconded by GM. All in favor.

Submitted by CJ Hoss, City Planner.