

Town of Lenox

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

Members Present: Tom Delasco (Planning Board), Kim Graham (Housing Authority), Frederick Keator (At Large), Olga Weiss (Historical Commission), Mark Smith (Conservation Commission), Neal Maxymillian (Selectboard),

Gwen Miller (staff)

Absent w/ Notification: Shannon O'Brien (Community Center)

Absent w/o Notification: Chuck Koscher (At Large)

Approval of minutes (1/18/22, 1/31/22, 2/14/22)

These minutes were approved subject to minor edits suggested by CPC members.

Approve Town Meeting Warrant Articles

FK had spoken with Charles Browne, The Town Accountant, and prepared articles and motions for the CPC to make at the Annual Town Meeting in May. FK noted the current balance is 872,392.35 cents. The motions prepared move funds to the appropriate lines so there are sufficient funds to in each line, and when the CPC approaches the Selectboard, the motion language is ready.

CPC Motions:

1. Move to transfer \$118,500 for FY'23 from General Unreserved to the Historic Resources Reserve for the purposes of paying Lenox Library debt of \$110,000 principle and \$8,500 interest

Approved by the CPC. FK moved; OW seconded. All in favor.

Noted this was the second to last payment on the library purchase debt.

2. Move to transfer \$87,500 for FY'23 from General Unreserved to the Historic Resources Reserve for a pending \$125,000 application by the Mount for purposes of the Gate House restoration project

Approved by the CPC. FK moved; KG seconded. All in favor.

3. Move to transfer \$462,499.91 for FY'23 from General Unreserved to the Community Housing Reserve for a pending application by Pennrose for purposes of a \$500,000 loan (the terms of such loan subject to a successful agreement between Pennrose and the Town of Lenox as represented by the Town Manager) toward the construction of an affordable rental housing project located at the Brushwood property on Route 7 & 20.

Approved by the CPC. Moved by FK, seconded by TD. All in favor.

Warrant Articles:

4. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of \$118,500 for FY'23 from Historic Resources Reserve for the purposes of paying Lenox Library debt service of \$110,000 principle and \$8,500 interest be placed on the warrant for vote at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Motion by FK, KG seconded. All in favor.

5. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of \$125,000 for FY'23 from Historic Resources Reserve for the purposes of The Mount Gate House restoration project

Motion by FK, OW seconded. All in favor.

6. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of \$500,000 for FY'23 from Community Housing Reserve for the purposes of a \$500,000 loan (the terms of such loan subject to a successful agreement between Pennrose and the Town of Lenox as represented by the Town Manager) toward the construction of an affordable rental housing project located at the Brushwood property on Route 7 & 20.

Motion by FK, OW seconded. All in favor.

FK said the following administrative items would come from future receipts. He went back and looked at historic figures to estimate going forward. FK moved; OW seconded and all were in favor.

7. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of estimated revenues in the amount of \$16,559.35 for FY'23 from General Unreserved for Administrative Expenses

8. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of estimated revenues in the amount of \$33,118.70 for FY'23 from General Unreserved for Historic Resources Reserve

9. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of estimated revenues in the amount of \$33,118.70 for FY'23 from General Unreserved for Community Housing Reserve

10. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of estimated revenues in the amount of \$33,118.70 for FY'23 from General Unreserved for Open Space and Recreation Reserve

11. Move to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an appropriation of estimated revenues in the amount of \$215,271.55 for FY'23 from General Unreserved for General Unreserve

FK moved to have the Chair Tom Delasco present these articles at the May Town Meeting. All were in favor.

FK brought up the Annual Report section. GM had already submitted it to the Selectboard, so forwarded it to the group for review.

FK said there was one last piece of business—to vote for officers. TD said he would stay as Chair, and FK would be happy to serve as Vice Chair. NM made a motion; KG seconded. All were in favor.

KG asked if somebody would reach out Chuck Koscher to see if he would like to remain on the Committee.

The Committee discussed holding its public hearing on June 13th, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.