

Town of Cohasset, MA
Cohasset Community Preservation Committee
Virtual Meeting -Zoom

Members Present: Russell Bonetti-Chairman
Maryanne Wetherald
Virginia Najmi
Suzanne Wadsworth
Jean Healey Dippold
Michael Dickey
Paul Grady
Tom Reardon

Chairman Bonetti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Affordable Housing Trust-Transfer of Funds to Affordable Housing-Chair of AHT Steve Gaumer and member Cindy Mathieson were present. Mr. Gaumer stated the Trust is seeking additional funding to support intended additional initiatives. They are seeking a transfer of a land parcel from the Town which will provide a development opportunity. This will support additional, creative employment of the fund to accelerate development of additional units. They are requesting \$500,000. The Committee had a discussion and agreed to fund \$250,000 to add to the balance of \$833,000 and they can come back and request additional funds when needed. **Motion by Paul Grady to disperse \$250,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust and hold an additional \$250,000 in reserve until a project comes to fruition or invoices are provided, seconded by Tom Reardon. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Cohasset Historical Society-Digitize Collection-Glenn Pratt and Marie Schlag were present. They are requesting \$8,500 to begin a project of creating a digital library for the archives and collections. They have spent the last year researching and evaluating online museum collection-management platforms with the goal of making the Society's collections more accessible for research and public viewing online. This money will help kick off the first phase. The Committee discussed the proposal and concerns with where the balance of the funding will come from. They asked that the applicant come back with a more detailed plan of how they will pay for the remainder of the project and to look into potential grants available. They also asked for a more detailed description of the cost.

Harbor Master-Paint and carpentry work on Minot Light engineering building-Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons stated they are requesting \$15,000 for a new paint job and there is some minor carpentry work. This building is to the right of the Lightkeepers and is used by the Harbormaster's Department for equipment storage. The Committee discussed the proposal. **Motion by Tom Reardon to approve \$15,000 for the paint and carpentry work on Minot Light engineering building, seconded by Jean Healey Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Cohasset Conservation Trust-Permanent Conservation Restriction-Deb Shadd and Jeff Waal were present and reviewed their proposal for \$175,000 for a permanent restriction. They purchased land at 64 Forest Avenue with CCT funds in December 2020. The area is an irregular shape with forest, wetlands, and a vernal pool. The land had legal frontage and is a buildable lot. They plan to build a safe entrance stairway and a boardwalk to cross the wetlands to access a new simple trail through the property. They

are also looking into connecting a town-owned parcel of land behind the RTF. The Committee discussed issues with the vernal pools, traffic, parking in the area and how many people can use the park due to parking constraints.

Motion by Tom Reardon to table the discussion and allow the group to come back with more details, seconded by Paul Grady. Roll Call Vote; Virginia Najmi-Aye, Paul Grady-Aye, Jean Healey Dippold-Aye, Tom Reardon-Aye, Maryanne Wetherald-Aye, Michael Dickey-Aye, Suzy Wadsworth-Aye, Russ Bonetti-Nay.

Motion by Maryanne Wetherald to adjourn, seconded by Paul Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.