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John Speidel-*Treasurer*
Marlies Henderson
Phil Newfell

CPC
Minutes
March 23, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
Held via remote zoom

Members Present	Present
Travis Brown	X
Jim O'Donnell	Excused
Tom Conway	X
Phil Newfell	X
Diane DePaso	X
Marlies Henderson	X
Matthew Battcock	X
John Speidel	Excused
Joe Fiumara	X
Kerri Rufo-CPC Coordinator	X

Attendees: Paul Watson-Town Accountant
Bob Correnti-Billerica Housing Authority
Kathy Meagher-Storage Preservation
Jim O'Connor-FCCB
John Keough-FCCB

The Public hearing is open.

No public Comments

Travis Brown listed the three (3) projects to be approved. Preservation Storage, FCCB Renovations, BHA Housing.

**Joe Fiumara made a motion to approve the listed applications to Spring Town Meeting.
Seconded by Matthew Battcock.**

Bob Correnti asked what the amount was going to be. Kerri Rufo confirmed that it is for \$382,613.00. He wants to make sure the amount is right and that he doesn't want to be spending money that they don't have. Paul Watson told Bob that he should be making a motion to allocate all of the money. Mr. Watson agreed on the amount that Kerri Rufo said it was. Bob Correnti asked what the \$110k was and Paul Watson told him that it was the FY24 allocation. Marlies Henderson asked if there was a budget for the house and that a budget should have been included with the application. Marlies Henderson stated that the excavation of a garage is not CPC eligible. Bob Correnti said that he can't build a house with an obstruction. Marlies read the CPC guidelines and Bob Correnti told her that he will submit a budget. He will need time to get that budget. Travis Brown said we will give him 2 weeks to get us the budget. Bob Correnti asked what did the people say about the Housing Authority versus the Trust. Marlies Henderson said that it could go to Habitat for Humanity as long as what is being built. Marlies said that they can ask for the funding and there was only something how a Housing Authority can not receive funds from a municipality and that is why the Trust had to be created.

Marlies Henderson asked if they could vote on the projects separately. Marlies spoke about the furniture for the Preservation for Historic Documents. Marlies stated she cannot approve the furniture.

Kerri Rufo reminded the board that the Masonic 1st floor renovations project was approved. The motion of the approval was pending based on Town Counsel's response.

FCCB-Historic

**Joe Fiumara made a motion to approve \$385,000.00 for the FCCB renovations for Historic,
Seconded by Matthew Battcock**

Tom Conway asked if they would be separate articles, Travis confirmed that it will be one article. The board feels that it is a good project.

Marlies Henderson-Yes

Tom Conway-Yes

Joe Fiumara -Yes

Diane DePaso-Yes

Matt Battcock-Yes

Phil Newfell-Yes

Travis Brown-Yes

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Billerica Housing Trust

Marlies Henderson made a motion to approve \$382,613.00 for the Billerica Housing Trust-Housing those in need Community Housing contingent upon receiving a budget 2 weeks from today, seconded by Matt Battcock

Tom Conway asked that we include the amount in the motion.

Marlies Henderson-Yes

Tom Conway-Yes

Joe Fiumara -Yes

Yesterday DePaso-Yes

Matt Battcock-Yes

Phil Newfell-Yes

Travis Brown-Yes

Approved 7-2-0

Storage Preservation-Historic

Joe Fiumara made a motion to approve \$50,000 for Storage preservation, seconded by Diane DePaso.

Marlies Henderson stated she already commented on it earlier.

Phil Newfell read a statement that he read somewhere that the Town may allow purchases using CPA funds provided that they are designed and dedicated for that purposes and that it was dated February 10th. Phil asked what is the bottom line on that? Travis said that it is an allowable purchase. Marlies said that Town Counsel said on the 10th that it was eligible.

Marlies Henderson-Yes

Joe Fiumara -Yes

Diane DePaso-Yes

Matt Battcock-Yes

Phil Newfell-Yes

Tom Conway-Yes

Travis Brown-Yes

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Minutes

Marlies Henderson made a motion to approve the February 9th 2023 as presented, seconded by Joe Fiumara

Marlies Henderson-Yes

Joe Fiumara -Yes

Diane DePaso-Yes

Matt Battcock-Yes

Phil Newfell-Yes

Tom Conway-Yes

Travis Brown-Yes

Approved 7-2-0

Kerri Rufo reminding the board that at the next meeting they will be voting on the PowerPoint presentation that Travis Brown will be presenting at Spring Town Meeting.

Tom Conway asked Mr. Watson what our balance will be after the amounts we voted on tonight. Paul Watson stated that he didn't have that information in front of him right now. Paul said that he put a draft of warrant together for the preliminary and we used \$1.1 million as the surtax, which is the same as last year. Mr. Watson said that he did not list any projects yet because we haven't done all of voting. Mr. Watson will get that finalized so the board can see it before the final warrant.

Marlies Henderson asked if we could include the MA match? Kerri Rufo stated that Mr. Watson had already given her the numbers and that she was going to include them in the PowerPoint Presentation.

Adjournment

Joe Fiumara made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Diane DePaso. All in favor.