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Members Present: Harry Hibbard, Chair; Joseph Duffy; Nate Peyton; Stephen Flynn, Jason McCann,

Members Absent: Jeanne Paquin

7:35 p.m. H. Hibbard called the meeting to order

Community Preservation Act – Next steps

Hibbard summarized a memo from Town Counsel James Lampke regarding the positions the board is able to take regarding the CPA, based on the State Ethics Commission regulations, as follows:

- The board can speak about the CPA and hold hearings to get input or discuss it.
- The board cannot spend any town money on the CPA process.
- The board can express its opinion regarding the ballot question, but cannot express an opinion on whether people should vote for it

McCann suggested that it might be helpful if someone from the Community Preservation Committee came to a board meeting in order to give guidance on the best way to proceed, given the limitations. Peyton said that the committee may limit its involvement to two visits, and that the board might want to save its second visit for another time, but that they could get information via a phone conversation.

Regarding next steps, McCann said that he didn't think it was enough to just have a forum before the election, as many people didn't know about or attend the last one. He said that it would be useful to figure out what the board can and can't do and then do as much as possible. Hibbard agreed. He said that the board could reach out to the turf field proponents and to the PTO, and can ask the Hull Times to cover the issue.

Peyton said that it is important to take steps to capitalize on the Town Meeting vote. McCann said that the board can adopt a position and disseminate that opinion and that it would be helpful to have a fully agreed on statement to put forward. Hibbard said that he didn't think this would be allowed, under the limitations. McCann said that it appeared from Lampke's memo that this might be possible as long as the board did not advocate for residents to vote for the CPA. Duffy said that they could meet with the groups they had already met with, as well as with the Chamber of Commerce, and notify the newspaper so that it could report on it. Hibbard said that another option would be to get all those groups to come to a Planning Board meeting or to issue a position paper and distribute it to them. Hibbard said that those groups can also release their own statements about the CPA. McCann said that they should focus on the committees making their statements now, and do the forum closer to the election.

Duffy said that Judith Van Hamm is a good contact and would be happy to help. Hibbard will contact Stephanie Powers and other boards and commissions and will report back, with the goal being to have them do individual statements about how the CPA can help them and get those to the press.

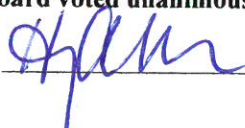
Regarding the ballot question, Duffy pointed out that Town Meeting wasn't specific about how many people would be on the CPA committee. He will circulate an example of the ballot question that other towns have used. He will also find out who will put the question on the ballot and how the question was worded in the past.

New Business

Duffy brought up issues related to the Board of Appeals, stating that he would like to review the documents that are submitted for zoning relief. He noted that Planning Boards in other towns routinely do this. He would also like to see the decisions so he can keep in track of things that may need to be updated in the zoning bylaw. McCann suggested writing a letter to the Chair of the Board of Appeals so that Planning Board members can review it.

Peyton announced that the MAPC will be meeting with the South Shore Chamber to talk about matters of interest to coastal towns, particularly in relation to transportation and access.

At 8:25p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn, on a motion by McCann, seconded by Peyton.

Minutes approved:  Date: 7-27-16

The following documents were submitted and are part of the official records:

- Planning Board agenda for 6/22/16
- Email from Town Counsel James Lampke regarding ethics guidelines
- Bulletin from State Office of Campaign and Finance
- Email regarding Planning Board vacancy