



The Town of Barnstable

Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

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CFAC Committee:

Chair:

Laura Cronin

Members:

Robert Ciolek
Stanley Hodkinson
Ralph Krau
Henry McClean
Jacqueline Michelove
Gregory Plunkett
Laurie Young

Staff Liaison:

Mark Milne

Councilor Liaison:

James Tinsley
Debra Dagwan

CFAC MEETING MINUTES

8.20.12

7:00 PM

Growth Management Conference Room

CFAC Members Present: Laura Cronin, Robert Ciolek, Laurie Young, Ralph Krau, Gregory Plunkett, Jacqueline Michelove

CFAC Members Absent: Stanley Hodkinson, Henry McClean

Councilors Present: None

Staff Present: Deb Childs - Finance/Budget Analyst

1. Call to Order

Laura Cronin called the CFAC meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room.

The minutes of 07.16.12 were approved. Vote: Unanimous

2. Staff, Council & Chairman's Comments

Laura informed the committee she is working on preparing the CFAC annual report. She will forward a draft for review via email. She noted the report is due 9/1/12.

3. Old Business

Solid Waste Sub-Committee

Bob C. reviewed that he had forwarded an email from Paul Tilton of Sandwich indicating the renewals of transfer station stickers was down from an average of 5,500 to 5,000 an approximate drop of 9%.

Laura C. inquired if there was any information on private hauler data?

Bob C. replied no.

Ralph inquired if there was any information on the recyclable volumes?

Bob C. replied no but he could inquire about those numbers.

Laura C. reviewed that the REC is still set to go in front of the Town Council at their Sept 6th meeting.

Ralph inquired about any updates from the Cape Cod Commission on regional efforts?

Bob C. expects to be talking with Patty Daley later in the week and will share any updates.

Laurie commented that she thought the drop in renewals for Sandwich was still significant.

Bob C. was not surprised as it was a controversial change and there was heavy marketing from private contractors. He is interested to see what the numbers will be in the next year once it is an established program.

There was discussion about various factors that could have contributed to the drop in renewals.

4. New Business

Danforth Property

Bill Plettner from the Agricultural Commission was in attendance at the meeting to discuss this topic.

Laura C. reviewed that in January CFAC received a verbal request from the Town Council to provide a committee member to join the Danforth Property Committee.

Stanley Hodkinson volunteered at that time and no further information was received.

Bill contacted Laura and shared copies of RFP's for the project.

Mark Milne also provided a copy of a letter from Councilor Barton dated May 30th , 2012 which contained more specifics as to what they wanted CFAC to review.

Laura thinks this may be a topic for the Danforth Property Committee.

Bill Plettner reviewed that the Danforth Committee presented a proposal to then Town Manager John Klimm 2 years ago. They had several meetings including with David Anthony to discuss an RFP.

Bill thinks it is late in the process for CFAC to get involved; he welcomes their input but notes many of the issues have been reviewed and researched.

Bill reviewed that there are a few neighbors and abutters to the property that are against using the property for farming citing noise, dust and odor. Bill noted that several concessions were made in the process such as having the farming be all organic and increasing the perimeter tree line.

Discussion continued on what if any CFAC's role should be.

Jacqui commented CFAC may play a better role in reviewing responses to an RFP.

Laura would like to review the original contracts from when the land was deemed open space. She also suggested getting feedback from Mark Milne.

Laurie thought the committee should be cautious on taking on projects “outside the box” of their responsibilities.

The committee unanimously agreed and voted to have Bob C. compose a letter of response to Councilor Barton citing the concerns and questions CFAC has regarding their role in this review process.

5. Discussions

Tom Geiler was unable to attend this evening’s meeting. He will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 4th @ 7 p.m.