

**Northampton Community Preservation Committee Minutes
January 17, 2018**

Time: 7:00 pm
Place: City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

Members Present: Brian Adams, Martha Lyon, Julia Chevan, Jeff Jones, Ann Dewitt Brooks,
Jack Finn, Chris Hellman, David Whitehill
Staff Present: Sarah LaValley

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

General Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Ann moved to approve the November 1 2017 minutes as presented, with minor corrections.
Seconded by Martha, the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Brian stated that staff has followed-up with St. John's regarding the decision not to recommend CPA funding. He attended the opening celebration of the Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals home for homeless youth that was partially funded by the CPA, and was impressed with the facility.

Approve Fair Wage Measures for CPA Projects

Brian provided a summary of discussions to date, noting that the Carpenters Union had proposed that contractors with previous wage violations be barred from working on CPA projects, but the Mayor and City Solicitor expressed concerns with that approach and a lack of due process, and proposed requirement posting of a wage bond. The Committee can also incorporate contract language regarding fair wage in use in other City contracts. A CPC contract not in agreement with a legal opinion might not be able to be executed by the City.

Jeff stated that he doesn't think the language is strong enough, as it retains the ability for grantees to work with contractors who have had violations, and he disagrees with the Solicitor's opinion. The CPC discussed existing practices of other City departments and the License Commission. David stated that challenges in implementation highlight problems at the state level. Wage theft is an important issue, but there are many others that could also be looked at in such detail and currently are not.

The Committee reviewed a draft fair wage policy, contract language, and fair wage affidavit. Julia moved to approve the policy and related documents, with a modification to require a five-year lookback period instead of three. Seconded by Ann, the motion carried 7-1.

Approve Contracts and MOU for Round 2 2017 CPA Projects

The Committee reviewed draft contracts and MOU.

The CPC discussed whether limitations of future CPA funding should be included in the Housing Supportive Services MOA, and agreed that a future CPC can't be limited.

Ann noted that the Planning Board permit resulted in minor changes to the walking trail at Village Hill.

The Jail Farm, Rail Trail, open space acquisition, Sargeant House, Glendale and Garfield Avenue projects did not have changes or discussion.

Chris moved to approve all documents as presented. Seconded by Ann, the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Not Foreseen

Brief discussion of eligibility forms submitted for the next round and possible small grants

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.