

## **LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**August 22, 2023**

### **ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom Webinar remote participation, by Robert Gotti.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 on March 29, 2023, Governor Maura Healey signed into law An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects. This Act includes an extension, until March 31, 2025, of the remote meeting provisions; on August 22, 2023, the Long Range Financial Planning Committee meeting was conducted via remote participation. R. Gotti granted permission to record the meeting.

Members present: Robert Gotti, Julianne Bride, Nancy Hyde, Nancy James, Paula McLaughlin, Christopher Pfaff, Maya Plotkin, Paul Tucceri, and Skip Wells.

Ex-Officio Members present: Christopher Coleman, Molly Kean, Patrick Ahearn, Nora Loughnane, Todd Korchin, Jimmy McCarthy, Stephanie McManus, and Elijah Romulus. Patricia Healey recorded the minutes.

### **Community Preservation Act (CPA)**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) Working Group consists of Nancy Hyde, Skip Wells, Julianne Bride, Melissa McDonagh, Christopher Coleman, and Stephanie McManus. N. Hyde provided a high-level review of the CPA Working Group and its discussions.

The group reviewed the Community Preservation Act and whether its adoption could fund an anchor project, such as the Hale Conservation Restriction. It was concluded that the timing for the adoption and implantation of the CPA would not align with a potential approval of the Hale CR at this time, especially if the town would be asked to vote on the Hale CR in the next six to ten months. The group shifted its focus to discuss whether the CPA adoption would benefit the town in general. The group will be meeting with a representative from the Community Preservation Act Coalition and will create a final report to be presented at a future LRFPC meeting.

R. Gotti noted that the CPA Working Group was tasked to evaluate and make a recommendation concerning the adoption of the CPA. As part of that discussion, the group was asked to consider whether an anchor project would benefit. The group was charged with discussing the CPA as a funding source and not with discussing the benefits of a potential anchor project.

### **Fire Department Feasibility Study**

John Deckers provided an update on the Fire Department Feasibility Study. The purpose of the study was to look at existing conditions, investigate desired programming, determine a suitable location, and provide the town with options and estimated costs. The Main Fire Station's original construction was in 1948 with an addition constructed in 1975, and is approximately a total of 13,000 square feet. Overall, the building is undersized, many of the systems are outdated, and

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safety concerns. Per Chief Deckers, the first-floor apparatus bays are being held up by a temporary steel shoring system in the basement.

*Due to a scheduled work meeting, R. Gotti left the meeting at 8:28 a.m. P. McLaughlin left the meeting.*

J. Bride asked if the assessment provided a grade level of the state of the Fire Station. J. Deckers responded that the report did not provide a grade, but personally felt the grade level for programming and living conditions would be a "D".

**Public and Press**

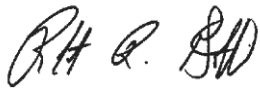
No public comment was received.

**The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*S. Wells moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 a.m. N. James Seconded. J. Bride, aye. N. Hyde, aye. N. James, aye. C. Pfaff, aye. M. Plotkin, aye. P. Tucceri, aye. and S. Wells, aye.*

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Robert Gotti  
Long Range Financial Planning Committee, Chair