



**Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020**

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Erika Oliver Jerram

B. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Erika Oliver Jerram, Clerk Dan Melnechuk, Tom Creonte, Bill Doyle, Bob LeBlanc, Loretta McClary, Amanda Thibodeau

Absent: Chair M. Justin Barrett, Jr., Sean Wilson

C. Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting, seconded by Ms. Thibodeau. All in favor. Motion passed.

D. New Business – Public Hearings

1. New Light Korean Church: Joshua Oh represented the applicant. They are seeking \$140,000 for restoration of their historical building, which was built in 1870. They have been operating as New Light Korean Church for the past fifteen years. The steeple is their main concern as it is falling apart and is unsafe. Mr. Creonte asked if they received more than one quote. Mr. Oh replied that they have not. Mr. LeBlanc asked how many members they have. Mr. Oh stated that they have 120, plus there is a separate congregation that meets there with 40-50 members and a bi-weekly coin club of 10 members. Ms. Oliver Jerram asked if Mr. Oh knew when the steeple was last repaired. They believe it has never been touched. Mr. Melnechuk stopped by the property to look at the church. Mr. Doyle would like a study conducted to determine the extent of the structural damage, a letter from the Building Department stating this is a viable project, and a letter of support from Waltham's Historical Commission. After some discussion, the Committee requested the applicant obtain a scope of work and at least another quote.

Motion made by Mr. LeBlanc to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. French American Victory Club: Doreen LeBlanc from the French Club stated that they are requesting \$240,900 to cover the cost of four projects: boiler replacement, parking lot paving, flooring replacement, and painting the interior and exterior of the building. Ms. Oliver Jerram asked if any of the projects are more urgent than others. Robert Delaney, Manager of the French American Victory Club, replied that the boiler and parking lot are safety hazards. Concerns were raised by the Committee that this is a private club. Ms. LeBlanc noted that they do rent out their banquet hall to the general public and non-members can purchase tickets to their events. Mr. Creonte stated that since they've given money to the French Club and other private organizations in the past, the committee has set that precedent. Mr. LeBlanc commented that the committee needs to follow a covenant and they can't fund maintenance. Some research needs to be done to see what can be covered from their request, and the French Club needs to get quotes that are closer in price.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Creonte. All in favor. Motion passed.

E. Old Business

1. Status of Appropriated CPC Projects: Julie will have an update by the March meeting.

2. FY2020 Budget and Finance Updates: No updates.

F. Announcements/Correspondence

1. State CPA Surplus: The City of Waltham received an additional \$296,739 in CPA funding from the state in January. The CPC and City Council will vote in the fall on allocating the funds.

G. Adjourn

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to adjourn, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.