

CDAC Meeting 10.4.23

Attendees:

Shawn Murphy - CDAC
Lissa Widoff - CDAC
Walter Fuller - CDAC
Prentice Grassi - CDAC
Isaiah - Public Works
Lauren - Public Works
Steve Bennett - Selectboard
Ryan Willette - Selectboard
Laura Greeley - Selectboard
Tyler H - Planning Board
MaryAnn Bennett - Planning Board
Clara Alvarez - Planning Board

Agenda:

1. Overview of the Community Action Grant
 2. Site Assessment Planned for water, wetlands, solar, and open space
 3. Grant Timelines
 4. Leadership and Oversight Moving Forward
 5. New Board Chair
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1. Overview of the Community Action Grant:
 1. History of the lot and how we got where we are at
 2. What to do with the lot? Are the foundations reusable? Do we want to sell? More room for Public Works
 3. We did a survey of the town and what they would like us to do with the lot? A mixed use that included public space and use but also conservation.
 4. We found an opportunity at the state level, as a part of maine won't wait to help towns plan and prepare for the changes of climate change.
 5. We had to sign up for the program which required a few steps
 1. One thing was a survey - maybe 100 or more responses
 2. How do you plan for resilience, our plans for this lot needed to be applicable to this idea.
 3. The state has listed out the topics or actions that they put in that "plan for resilience against climate change"
 6. This lot is on the edge of both the sheepscot and the sebasticook river waterways, 3900 feet. Which benefited our cause.
 7. All we needed to do was prove our plan aligned with the states outlined climate change actions.

8. These funds will allow us to do a site assessment to understand where wetlands are (as they are a regulatory area), elevations, flood plains, topography that will add to our current map, where the foundations are, if they are useable, bearing capacity of the soil is given the fact that there is a wetland down there which may not be able to support a new building.
 9. Potential of the hillside piece for community solar.
 10. Each of these things provide next steps, and we can reapply next year for the same grant to get funding for the projects that are subsequent to the work we are going to be doing now.
 11. Planning board could look at zoning and ect.
2. Question and Conversation:
 1. Concerns about the idea of "free money"
 2. We bought the lot with tax payer money should we consider selling or leasing the lot or at least doing something with the lot that drives income.
 3. PW has great use out of the foundation for their work.
 3. Timelines -
 1. We will need to send out RFPs to consultants to make sure that the work matches up with expectations.
 2. Two Prospective Engineering Firms: Flycatcher and Kleinfelder
 4. Ideas:
 1. Parking Lot:
 2. Expand Public Works:

Next Steps:

Waiting on Award Confirmation which will be sent to the town to be signed and sent back.

Ask KVCOG how to move forward with the RFPs - get specific about what we need done and that matches up with our grant - Email Grainne.