

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Committee**  
**January 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall**

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by **Chairman Bill Hamzy**.  
**Attendance:** **Chairman Bill Hamzy, Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Commissioner Ron Mamrosh, Councilman Nate Brown, and Mayor Joe Kilduff.** **Support Staff:** **Vincent Klimas, Vance Taylor.**  
Excused absence: Commissioner Seth Duke, Walter Seaman.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lead by the Chairman.

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meetings (12/19/2022):**  
**MOTION:** **Councilwoman Roxanne McCann** made a motion to accept the minutes of December 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Nate Brown** and voted on unanimously. Motion passed.

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. **Discuss and Review CIF Application and Summary:**  
**Mayor Kilduff** advises he received a call from the Contractor working with WPCA who asked whether the needed upgrades at their facility might be included in our CIF application. He suggested that it was a little late at this point as we are ready to submit but he contacted **Vinny Klimas** and asked that WPCA improvements be included in the list of possible projects.

**Bill Hamzy** states that upgrades may be in order if part of our plan increases the need for services due to added housing units.

**Mayor Kilduff** will follow up with George Andrews at WPCA.

**Bill Hamzy** reports that he had a very good conversation with Matt Pugliese, Director of CIF at the State; he made it very clear that they are looking for a comprehensive transformational plan.

**Vinny Klimas** and **Vance Taylor** put together the application and a summary of our plan to submit to the State. **Vinny Klimas** reviews the Summary of Graphics and introduction in their proposal. They will be seeking funding from the program in the amount of \$300,000 (\$250,000 to be funded by the State with a Town-share of \$50,000). **Vance Taylor** reviews the Vision planning process in the proposal and there is discussion regarding putting some focus on the underserved/marginalized part of the Community. Questions in the application are project sensitive and ask questions related to Distressed towns, number of families on Public Assistance, families below the poverty level, unemployment rates, etc.

**Vance Taylor** feels that there is a need to consider appointing a Commission on Equity and Disparity in Town to address issues. This project should bring unity within the Community and should be sustainable; it should not be a one and done program. The process is not only about the project and programs, but also about how we got there; the process is just as important as the project.

There is general discussion regarding projects that could be considered: Downtown Redevelopment, Walkways/Biking lanes, Upgrading of Sidewalks, Housing, Transportation, Economic Development, Access to Other Communities.

**Bill Hamzy** advises that Matt Pugliese recommended including our goals and being clear and specific; Housing-include the number of units estimated, as part of the plan. It makes the request stronger; the numbers can change but the request needs to be clear on our vision. General discussion – Scott Rd-Oakwood (59) units, Eli Terry, Prospect St. School, and possible renovations to the Eagle Lock buildings – what could be the impact?

**Vinny Klimas** will investigate how Dept. of Housing comes up with their formulas for available affordable housing. We also need to look at attracting new business in Town including the Industrial Park. An estimate by looking at the available space along Main St. could be used in the application.

Relocation of Main St./Agney Ave. creates an area that could be used as a parking area for the public to walk to area business.

**Ron Mamrosh** questions whether the Commission should also target underserved community groups and low to moderate income groups in addition to the 30% Random surveying. We also have a very large Albanian population.

**Councilman Nate Brown** states that this is a long-term vision, and it will take time for this to come to fruition.

**Mayor Kilduff** states that we need to make sure that we get private and State investment in the project.

**Vinny Klimas** and **Vance Taylor** are looking for approval to submit the application. **Bill Hamzy**, along with members of the Committee will review and get any changes to them by end of day on 1/4/2022. We can always supplement the application if there are changes in the future.

**Vinny Klimas** feels that this process will be very competitive. There is general discussion.

**Bill Hamzy** recommends that members of the committee lobby and seek support for our project from the CIF Committee as well as our Community.

**6. Discuss and Take Action on CIF Recommendations:**

As discussed previously.

Needed for February Meeting: **Councilman Nate Brown** will supply a list with telephone numbers of contacts who can be called by Committee members for support of our application.

It is also recommended that we submit a list of upcoming meetings dates of the Committee, a Committee member List with short biography.

Personal Property list will also be provided so that members have information on who they can contact in the Community.

**7. Board Member Comments: - no further comments**

**8. Adjournment: MOTION: by Roxanne to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nate Brown.**

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Pelletier  
Recording Secretary