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Community Preservation Act Review Committee

Members present: Sharon Rice, Paul Faiella, Kathleen Ebert-Zawasky, Zack Tsilis, Peg Dooley

Planning Board meeting room - Sharon called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes of Oct. 25, 2019 meeting accepted.

Much discussion was had regarding: who is low income (federal law?), senior citizens/ low income senior citizens could file for an abatement, there will be a \$100,000 taken off the assessed value of the property, 1.5% tax may be a good idea as there will be many abatements, exclusions (low income), what about owners of apartment complexes, corporations, industrial park, small businesses?

The timing of this initiative may not be desirable...as a sports complex, senior center, community center are all in the planning stages in town....voters don't like taxes...but when will it be a good time?

Money is "left on the table" each year that this is not adopted. This is an excellent program and it is a minimal cost to the tax payer.

Paul also provided a 60 page Special Funds...Community Preservation Fund and Other Fund Issues for us. Sharon duplicated for all.

Zack was to try to get more information and availability if possible from the state CPA Coalition office.

Peg was to track down Chris Yarworth, Dir. Planning and Development in Plainville as they recently approved it for whatever other information he could provide: selling it to the community, language on article, etc.

Next meeting: Dec. 5, 2019 and again Dec. 12 to fine tune presentation to Select Board for their next meeting..date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15

Minutes submitted by Peg Dooley, *Peg Dooley*

Accepted: *Sharon Rice*

[Signature] *Paul*

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1/7/2020