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DEPT. BOARD: Historical Commission

DATE: March 16, 2022

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Grandview Farm Meeting Room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joyce Fay; Mary Nohelty; Peter Coppola; Sandy Coven; Kathi Horton
Dan McCormack Archivist; Michael Runyan, Selectman; Paul Sagarino, Town Manager

Meeting Opened with Pledge of Allegiance Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Secretary's
Report Read and Accepted 5-0-0
Treasurer's Report - No Change

Guest Speaker, **Bill Boivin**, CPA Committee - We heard a presentation about the "Community Preservation Act" (CPA) which will be on the November Election Ballot. It must first be approved by Town Meeting before being placed on the voting ballot. Two thirds of Massachusetts population has voted YES for CPA. It may be voted out in 5 years... No one has ever voted it out. We were shown pictures of what other towns have done with CPA Funds, and what Burlington could do as well. One question from the floor: "Would CPA FUNDS AWARDED require the town to perform the work or can recipient hire an outside contractor to do the work?" Answer: Different projects will have different departments overseeing the work, and some work falls under the State's procurement and prevailing wage laws, which complicates that issue. It depends on whether or not it is town owned. It will cost, with 1.5% surcharge, average homeowner about \$75 per year (\$19 per quarter). Lower income earners and most seniors are able to opt out. An investment in Burlington with a 40% return via State match is a fine return on investment!

Michael Runyan - Historical Commission must get better organized in the museum before additional space is approved. Transitions are happening in Overlook Park and Park Playhouse. Mike mentioned the hay harvester and other artifacts to eventually be stored in the shed.

Paul Sagarino - Is concerned with the "clutter" in the museum. We should better utilize the storage area we now have and be more selective of the type of artifacts that are saved. Paul feels that the type of artifacts that are saved should "tell the history of the town"... should relate to the history of Burlington.

Dan McCormack directed the Commission to get involved with "cataloging" in the museum. NEMA has a collection policy, as well as "American Association of History" and "American Alliance of Museum", which has been suggested in the past.

West School has been placed on the town work list for 2024. Because it is a terrible sight to see wood rot on such an important historical site, Paul Sagarino agreed to have the fascia board over the front door repaired sooner than later. Much appreciated!

