

Community Preservation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 28th, 2023

Present: CPC Members Robert Levash (Chair), Jenny Russell (Vice Chair), Peter Jackson (Treasurer) Linda Weld, Ted Carroll, Joseph Duffy, Wendy Garpow, Tom Callahan, Kathleen O'Donnell, Esq., Cheryl Tougias, Sr. Administrative Clerk Julia Getman.

1. Administrative Items:

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 3:06 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Callahan, the 5/16/23 meeting minutes were approved 6/0/2 with Ms. Garpow and Mr. Jackson abstaining. Mr. Levash stated that Ms. O'Donnell would be filling his seat on the committee and that Ms. Tougias had been appointed as the Planning Board's representative to the CPC. On a motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Ms. Garpow, the Committee voted to have Ms. Russell continue as Vice Chair and Mr. Callahan as Chair, 8/0/1 with Ms. Tougias abstaining.

2. Grant Agreement Discussion

The Committee discussed ten draft grant agreements distributed by Ms. O'Donnell for projects approved for funding in FY2023. The agreements had been shared with the Town Administer and would be provided to Town Counsel and will require signatures from grantees in order for the funds to be dispensed. Seven of the agreements were for Town Boards or Committees, and five (the Affordable Housing Trust, the Forbes Museum, the Garden Club, Wharf Park, and the American Baseball upgrades at Mary Lane Park) were outside of the town.

Mr. Levash reported that 24 eligibility applications had been received for the FY2024 round of funding and that under initial review the applications for a mobile bandstand and flower pots in East Milton Square were not eligible. A request for repairs to the Art Center windows was questionable, as well as an affordable housing request at Winter Valley. Having affordable housing applications go through the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) was considered. Concerns about disclosure to Town Meeting and ways in which to earmark funding to the AHT were discussed.

First round FY2023 applications from the Forbes House Museum, Peveryly Park, the Town Lock Up, and the Conservation Commission for a Popes Pond pedestrian bridge were considered eligible, as were new applications for headstone repair at the Milton Cemetery, masonry repair at the Eustice Estate, repairs to a fence at the Blue Hills Observatory, Kelly Field dugout improvements, a Brook Walk and an Estuary study, an Andrews Park water station, a Glover School outdoor classroom, a pergola in Manning Park, a basketball court on the Town Center green, baseball field upgrades at Andrews Park, and a study to make the pathway around Popes Pond ADA accessible.

Scheduling applicant presentations was discussed. It was suggested that previously funded projects demonstrate progress, and the Committee considered acceptance of second round applications for projects that had not yet received the first round of funding.

Funding the high number of projects with a limited budget was discussed, and the funding phase of the allocations was considered. Forming subcommittees to address eligibility applications was considered.

Upcoming meetings were confirmed for July 6th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

3. Discussion of Role of CPC Clerk

The expected increase in the workload of the CPC Clerk with Mr. Levash's resignation and the large number of applications was discussed. On a motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Committee voted to increase the annual stipend from \$3,600 to \$7,200 with a review of the work hours in three months.

4. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Ms. Garpow, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Robert Levash, Chair