

**Meeting Minutes of the
Town of Dennis
Community Preservation Committee
May 11, 2023 - 7pm
Prue Meeting Room**

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This meeting took place both in person at Dennis Town Hall and remotely via conference phone pursuant to the law signed by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021 - An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, which includes an extension, until March 31, 2023, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Members Present: Chairman Chris Foley, William Clark, William Collins, Henry Kelley and Frank Dahlstrom; Chris Lambton via Zoom

Members Not-Present: Cynthia Stead, Brad Bishop and Jeff Treiber

Public Attendance: Cemetery Coordinator Rebecca Smith and Yarmouth-Dennis Board of Directors Member Don Kelley

Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum, Meeting Participation Statement and Recording Statement

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 7pm and read the meeting participation and recording statements.

Review of Applications for Possible Funding

Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox Baseball Club - Red Wilson Field Fan Safety Project

Chair Foley made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Collins seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the May 25, 2023 CPC meeting.

Cape Cod Center for the Arts - Cape Playhouse Exterior Renovation

Mr. Dahlstrom made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the May 25, 2023 CPC meeting.

West Dennis Graded School House Committee - Architectural and Consulting Services for WDGSH

Mr. Kelley noted that since the property is owned by the Town, to avoid any conflict in the future with this application, he wanted to be sure this work has been approved by Town Administration.

Mr. Lambton said he is familiar with the concern and will be speaking with the Town Administrator about it and will keep the CPC updated if there are any issues or concerns.

Mr. Collins made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the June 8, 2023 CPC meeting.

Josiah Dennis Manse Committee - Architectural and Consulting Services for JDM Preservation and Restoration

Mr. Collins made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion.

Discussion:

After reviewing the application, Chair Foley felt there was a considerable amount of maintenance work discussed in the application and the Community Preservation Act does not fund for maintenance. Additionally, he feels it is not the most efficient use of CPA funds.

Mr. Collins noted that there are safety concerns with the building, i.e. the stairs and Chair Foley replied that as of as of 3 years ago there were 210 safety and accessibility issues in that building complex, so is it necessary to hire an architect to come into building and identify that there are safety issues when building inspector can do the same thing.

Mr. Kelley made a motion to table the application pending further information. Mr. Dahlstrom seconded the motion and via roll call vote all voted in favor; 6-0-0.

Chair Foley indicated he would entertain the application for review and funding again as the specifics became more clear.

If the application is to be reconsidered, it would be on the agenda for **June 8, 2023**.

Dennis Department of Public Works - Dennis Village Cemetery Preservation and Repairs

Ms. Smith thanked the CPC for consideration of this grant application and was happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Dahlstrom made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the June 8, 2023 CPC meeting.

Chair Foley noted that the existing grant for the South Dennis Village Cemetery still has a balance remaining of \$2,600 and indicated that the CPC has recently approved those funds to remain in perpetuity. He asked Ms. Smith if those fund were still needed and Ms. Smith replied they were absolutely still needed and they will easily be expended on repairs.

Mr. Lambton reported that the Select Board recently gave unanimous approval of this grant request.

Dennis Historical Commission - American Revolution Memorial

Chair Foley noted that after reviewing this article he feels it falls under "recognition of old history" and not a creation of a new artifact. (The CPA can not fund creation of new artifacts.)

Mr. Collins made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the June 8, 2023 CPC meeting.

Friends of Bass River - Upper Bass River Watershed Restoration Project

Chair Foley noted that this application is applicable under the Act as it can fund maintenance of open space and recreation properties.

Mr. Clark made a motion to advance this application for review and possible funding as it qualifies under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Dahlstrom seconded the motion and all voted in favor via roll call vote; 6-0-0.

The review of this application is scheduled for the June 22, 2023 CPC meeting.

Mr. Kelley gave a reminder that with the Y-D Red Sox application should also come an authorization letter from the school committee, as owners of the property, that they approve of the project. He added that this does not change the merits of the application, this is just a formality.

Chair Foley added that the CPC budget was passed at Town Meeting and he had requested an accounting of the grant balances from the Finance Director and anticipates having that information for review at the next meeting.

Also, regarding the most recent round of grant, only FORWARD at the Rock II grant has not been signed by their representative yet, but Chair Foley indicated that he anticipates that to happen soon so it can be funded. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity has completed the purchase of the property!

Review and approve of Minutes 4.1.2023

Mr. Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Mr. Dahlstrom abstained from the vote and all voted in favor; 5-0-1.

The meeting was moved to be adjourned at 7:22 pm by Mr. Dahlstrom and seconded by Mr. Clark. All voted in favor; 6-0-0.

**Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lapierre
CPC Coordinator**

Documents Reviewed and Available Upon Requested
Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023
Grant Applications listed above can be found for review on the
Town's website under Community Preservation Committee