

**Meeting Minutes of the
Town of Dennis
Community Preservation Committee
June 8, 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, Chris Lambton, William Clark, William Collins, Henry Kelley and Frank Dahlstrom, Brad Bishop and Jeff Treiber

Members Not Present: Cynthia Stead

Public Attendance: Select Board Member Paul McCormack, Cemetery Coordinator Rebecca Smith, Assistant DPW Director Tom O'Connor, Facilities Manager Jeff Marcotte, Recreation Director Dustin Pineau, Diane Rochelle and Robert Poskitt

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.

Discussion with Recreation Direct Pineau Regarding Johnny Kelley Park Restoration Grant

Mr. Pineau gave an update on the status of the two previously approved grants.

The work approved by last year's grant for the playground upgrades at the West Dennis Graded School House and Johnny Kelly Park will be done within the next week or so and he will have the final bills soon after that. He anticipates the final bills to be far under the approved amount by possibly \$35K!

The second grant supports the restoration of Johnny Kelley Park. At this time the work looks to be approximately \$25K under bid for the project. The light pole will be going out to bid under the Barnstable County bid process and he feels this bid may come in \$10K under bid. However, in regard to the upgrades to the building on-site, due to the assessed value of the building, a code review has been triggered and as such, code enhancements have to be done so that the building is brought up to code. Mr. Pineau said he must work with an architect to create the scope of work and design for the HVAC before any work on installation of the HVAC can be done.

Mr. Pineau is asking the CPC to allow for a slight change on how the grant monies are expended by allowing the architect work to be done. The original grant application did not request this. He added that no additional monies are being asked for. He anticipates the cost of the architect's work to be between \$50-70K.

Mr. Pineau's request is simply to be authorized to re-purpose the grant funds due to an unexpected cost, with no additional funding being sought.

Chair Foley explained there is no contract or agreement to re-write, the Select Board can authorize the expenditure of funds as approved by the CPC.

Mr. Dahlstrom made a motion that the CPC allow the funds to be repurposed to pay for the unforeseen architectural costs. Mr. Lambton seconded the motion and all members voted in favor; 8-0-0.

Review of Applications

- a. Dennis DPW – Dennis Village Cemetery Preservation and Repairs

This application will allow for the repair of 107 markers, 3 granite posts and rails.

Chair Foley indicated the decision about the grant request will be made by the end of July.

Chair Foley moved to “take off the table” the application for the Josiah Dennis Manse Committee - Architectural and Consulting Services. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

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

Mr. Poskitt reviewed the history of the schoolhouse and the need for upkeep on this historic building, especially focusing on areas that need to be brought up to code. At this time, the grant application is for the consulting services which he anticipates the focus to include installation of an HVAC system. The grant funds may also be used if a consultation with the Mass Historic is required. Mass Historic does hold the preservation restriction.

Chair Foley indicated the decision about the grant request will be made by the end of July.

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

Ms. Rochelle explained the proposal has been revised and requests funding for architectural and consulting services to better understand the scope of the work needed to preserve the structure.

Mr. Dahlstrom made a motion to accept the application as qualifying under the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Treiber seconded the motion. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Foley voted in opposition; all others were in favor; 6-2-0.

Chair Foley indicated the decision about the grant request will be made by the end of July.

d. Dennis Historical Commission – American Revolution Memorial

Ms. Rochelle explained there will be a large rock memorial placed at the site of the original meeting house in 1728. A bronze plaque will list just the family names of the 22 families who served as Patriots in the Revolutionary War. However, a book will be published listing the full name.

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Approve Minutes of May 25, 2023

The minutes of May 25, 2023 were tabled. Via email, Mrs. Stead proposed an amendment to the section regarding the D-Y Red Sox application. Mr. Treiber also proposed an amendment that he read in the meeting. He was asked by Chair Foley to send the language out and the minutes can be reviewed at a later date.

Chair Foley announced that the Conservation Restriction and all the documents for Tobey were executed by the Select Board and the Conservation Committee. It will now go back to the State to be approved by the Attorney General and when that is complete, the State monies in the amount of \$312,000 will be released back to the Town of Dennis.

Mr. Dahlstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and all voted in approval. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lapierre
CPC Coordinator**

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