

Minutes
WEYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Mary McElroy Meeting Room – McCulloch Building
182 Green Street
Weymouth, MA

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In Attendance: Christopher Hannan, Chairperson
Lisa Belmarsh
James Parker
Cathy Torrey
Mark Kilban
Greg Agnew
Patricia O'Leary
Maura Ziegler, Recording Secretary
Heather Backman, Assistant Director of Weymouth Public Libraries
Kate Marshall
Bob Luongo

Call to Order

Christopher Hannon, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
Working off the Revised Agenda

CPA Application – Village Cemetery Association, Inc. - Presented by Eric Remsen, President

Eric Remsen and Anna Remsen

We don't bury during the winter, the Crypts to the right have been there since 1857 and have been damaged by mother nature. From Front Street view, we would like to restore these to put in concrete reinforced wall and then the granite in front. Put the dirt back in and reseed. This is a well-maintained old cemetery. There are many generations of families buried there. The fire and police have ceremonies, and the town's first mayor is buried here in the front lot, and we keep spots open for Public Service personnel. We have two quotes, one for \$35,000 and a quote for \$17,000. These crypts have been in disrepair since 2021.

Lisa Belmarsh: Who owns this?

Eric: Village Cemetery Association Inc. is a non-profit corporation

Chris: Where does funding from?

Eric: Sale of lots, burials, and we own a house on Congress St and the rent goes into the Corp.

Pat: Will rebar be used to stabilize the granite block?

Eric: It is better to build inside with a metal structure, I want to make this last another 300 years

Pat: to the left of the door is discoloration of the stone?

Eric: The stone is purposefully colored

James: My partner and I redeveloped the Fire station in the landing. Dan O'Regan did the granite work but does great work and would recommend him.

Greg: When we see a discrepancy either the higher doesn't want the job and/or the lower won't do the quality work.

Eric: I met with four different contractors and only two returned a quote.

Greg: the discrepancy of \$18,000 concerns me

Cathy: Dan O'Regan is a reliable contractor and he is use to working with the Town

Greg: Since this quote is April 4th is this still good?

Eric: yes

Chris: Will the finished look be as close to the original as possible

Eric: Yes, At the end of the project this will be visually restored to the 1857 look.

Chris: The law states that it should be historically restored

Cathy: The Historical Commission has looked at this project, The Historical Commission will support this project

Kate: I spoke with Jim Clarke, and he is in favor of the project

Cathy: Would it be helpful to ask for more funding, as a contingency, to ensure completion with the rising costs.

Pat: Have you spoken to see if this quote is still good

Kate: Whatever is the requested amount, funding will come from the CPA's Historic Resources Fund

Cathy Torrey, made a motion to accept this request for \$17,641, with a contingency allowance, Pat O'Leary seconded the request. All were in favor of this motion.

Chris: \$19,000 has been appropriated from the Historic Resources Fund.

All in favor of granting the \$19,000. This request will be forwarded to the Mayor and Town Council for vote.

Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

CPA Application

Fogg Library - Presented by Heather Backman, for Robert MacLean, Director of Weymouth Public Libraries

Heather Backman, \$6,500 repair and preserve stained glass windows in the Fogg Library.

Two of these windows are broken. The central medallion is missing and or broken. The central medallion was of a printer's mark. \$5,000 plus \$1500 for removal and reinstall.

Mark: During the 2014 renovation were these restored.

Heather: These were not

Chris: The original project was extremely over budget

Pat: Are you planning to come back for the others? Like the unicorn one?

Heather: We will be back and wanted to start with these.

Pat: It might not be the best use of your time to do one request at a time

Chris: The building is working

Heather: It is a beautiful library.

Chris: There were significant issues with the renovation

Chris: This will be a good to get this done.

Pat: Are there plans for the library to be open more hours?

Heather: Staffing issues and budget issues.

Chris: What is the boards' opinion?

Cathy: Historic Preservation Funds

Cathy Torrey made a motion to fund the \$6,500 from the Historic Preservation Funds. James Parker seconded the motion.

Public Comment

No public comments

Minutes - June, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mark Kilban and seconded by Cathy Torrey.

All in favor of accepting the minutes as submitted for June 2022

Other Business

Lisa: New playgrounds at schools might qualify for CPC

Kate: Yes, Historically we have not done schools.

Chris: We did Wessagusset. Because of the interpretation in the law it was revised

Lisa: Johnson school's playground is ADA

Chris: solicitor will have final say on the interpretation of the law

Kate: CBDG was used for the playground at Johnson. We also used CBDG funds for elevators, lifts, and ramps at Johnson.

Lisa: Maybe we could share the costs with the community groups

Chris: State wide coalition, data base for

Lisa: We need to be creative in using town land for recreational purposes.

Chris: We should all be familiar with the laws and act upon the spirit in which the law was written. We want to preserve and keep our open space usable.

Lisa: Nash, Talbot, Adams, and Johnson all could use new playgrounds.

Pat: Are there any updates on the allocation for affordable housing?

Kate: No update

New Business

Kate: Iron Hill Park: A proposal was received for design and construction. It seems a little expensive and may be downsized

Beals Park: Hope to have final bid documents soon

Pedestrian Bridge: Is on hold, delayed to construction costs and supply chain.

Whitman's Pond: \$18,750 management strategy was completed.


There will be a Town Council meeting on Monday 9/16 at 7:30PM. The First Church, wants to thank everyone for appropriating funds for the recent exterior restoration project.

Lisa: Can we offer these meetings virtual as well as in-person?

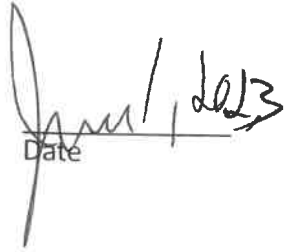
Next Meeting - October 6, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cathy Torrey to adjourn and Greg seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM



Christopher Hannan, Chair
Community Preservation Committee



Date