



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

by Zoom

Present: Alan Sanderson, Doug Coldwell, Judy Markland, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley,
Chris Williams, Catherine Wolkowicz

Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee approved minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2024 unanimously.

Regarding this year's update of the Town's CPA plan:

- Chris Williams believes that the Recreation priorities in the current plan are complete and accurate. He has been in touch with Paul Bordua of the Whately Snowmobile Club about hiking trails in Town.

Judy Markland moved approval of the 2024 CPA Plan, as amended. Catherine Wolkowicz seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The Commission reviewed the following pending applications:

- The Historical Commission's application for \$5,000 for restoration of the historic 'yellow barn', as revised on January 19. Andrew Ostrowski moved approval; Judy seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- The Recreation Commission's application for \$16,525 in funding for new batting cages at Herlihy Field, as revised on January 15. The cost of the artificial turf will be covered by the Rec Commission's revolving accounts.. Donna Wiley moved approval; Catherine seconded. Approval was unanimous. Chris thanked Judy for her help with assembling the revised application.

Alan invited discussion of the Tri-Town Beach application. Given that the application was received six weeks after the submission deadline, it is not eligible for consideration. In addition, it has not been endorsed by the Recreation Commission, as required. (Chris noted that it has not been submitted to the Rec Commission.) Andrew also noted that the Conservation Commission will need to review the plans as outlined. Donna suggested that we request that any future application for this project be submitted by a Whately representative.

Alan will communicate all these points to Ken Cuddeback, as well as pointing out that a submission for the June 2024 deadline would need to make the case that the application is urgent and warrants off-cycle consideration.

After a brief discussion of the masonry restoration of the Library steps, which does not appear to be complete, Alan will speak with Bob Klinger about where things stand with the work.

Judy reported that restoration of the last two windows at the Church is complete.

The Commission discussed briefly the communication from MDAR about the proposed Galenski APR agreement. Alan has assured Brian Domina that the CPC remains committed to recommending APR applications through the usual CPA application process and with the support of the Agricultural Commission.

The CPC will hold a public hearing on the Herlihy batting cages and yellow Town barn applications on Wednesday, March 13, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom, to be followed by a regular CPC meeting.

Alan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.