



**TOWN OF WHATELY**  
**Whately, Massachusetts 01093**

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Community Preservation Committee  
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020**

**by Zoom <sup>1</sup>**

Present: Alan Sanderson, Judy Markland, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley

Absent: Doug Coldwell, Jonathan Edwards

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

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of November 11 unanimously.

Alan invited discussion of the Veterans Memorial project. The Committee agreed that the work proposed is eligible under the Recreation category, but not Historic Preservation or Open Space, as indicated on the funding request. The CPC reviewed the history of the existing Veterans Memorial area, which originally consisted of the monument and flagpole. In 1986, the Rotary Club installed the plantings and benches surrounding the memorial stone for Howard Waite.

Following discussion and a generally enthusiastic response to the plan by Snow Landscaping submitted with the funding request, the Committee agreed that Alan will write to Jim Ross with the following questions and procedural advice:

- Earlier plans to renovate the Memorial included installation of a second monument with the names of Whately veterans whose names are not on the existing monument. These include those who served earlier wars, the names of whom have been supplied by Judy Markland, and the Gulf Wars, among others. What has happened to that part of that plan?
- How does this plan intersect with the Town's plan to extend and reroute the sidewalk south of Town Hall?

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- Have the abutters been given an opportunity to comment on these plans, including the “future” plan to add lighting to the flag pole?
- What is the plan for the Rotary-installed monument to Howard Waite?
- CPC approval of this funding request will require review and endorsement by the Recreation Committee, which should be secured by the Veterans Committee.

The Committee also reviewed the funding request for accessibility renovations at the Dickinson Library.

- Donna Wiley noted that Margo Jones’ letter of December 2 addresses the questions raised by the Historical Commission in June, and that the Historical Commission will review the proposal at its December meeting.
- Alan noted that the Library has not undertaken any private fundraising in support of this project, as suggested by the CPC in June.
- It appears that the Town has resubmitted a proposal for \$75,000 to the state’s ADA Municipal Improvement Program. Alan will ask Brian Domina when the Town expects to learn the outcome of this proposal. He will also ask Jim Ross whether and how the Library Trustees plan to revise the request for CPA funding, should state funding be granted, as well as the likely timing and duration of the renovation project.

Judy asked whether the CPC could initiate an effort to provide rental relief support to residents who have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic. CPA housing funds are eligible for this purpose, a number of other CPA communities have approved such support, and the state Community Preservation Coalition has developed clear distribution guidelines. The Committee discussed the fact that, although the Whately Housing Committee is inactive, more than \$150,000 has been set aside for affordable housing, in the trust and in reserved CPA funds (“the bucket”). Alan will speak with Catherine Wolkowicz about the CPC’s interest in this topic.

The next meeting of the CPC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Documents reviewed:

- CPA Funding Request for Veterans Memorial (12/2/20)
- CPA Funding Request for Library LULA (limited use limited application) lift project (11/23/20) and multiple supporting documents