



**TOWN OF WHATELY**  
Whately, Massachusetts

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Historical Commission

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WHC meeting minutes, 11/21/22

Present: Susan Baron, Allison Bell, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle, Donna Wiley

Called to order 5:03 p.m.

Approved last minutes of 10/17/22

**Grant to the Congregational Church:**

Donna explained that since WHC's last meeting conversations among WHC, CPC and Brian Domina have led to the application of two conditions:

- 1) right of first refusal for the Town
- 2) if windows are removed or deviate from historic preservation standards, grant will need to be repaid

These conditions will be included in both a grant agreement and a deed restriction.

A final step – when Finance Comm. met, they requested that the warrant say that this 20-year condition be recorded at the FC Registry of Deeds.

Special town meeting is next Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> to vote on the warrant

Annual deadline for CPA proposals will be December 13, with applications to be submitted electronically by 12:30 p.m. to Amy Schrader, Town Clerk.

**Application from Quonquont Farm:**

Allison explained project to restore the third ceramic silo at Quonquont Farm.

The Commission discussed eligibility of the application, reviewing the three primary criteria:

- Historic preservation
- Demonstrable public good
- Commitment to preservation

Commission members suggested revising the draft application to state explicitly that the proposed work conforms with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation regarding masonry repair, as well as providing more information and illustrations about the farm overall and its history as a dairy farm.

Commission voted unanimously to recommend the application for funding, with the provision that it must be consistent with the Sec. standards. Allison Bell recused herself from the vote.

Donna reported that she knows of one other historic preservation application in progress, from the Library for restoration of the portico and front steps. Bob Smith has asked to be on the WHC agenda at its December meeting.

Next meeting Dec. 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:52 p.m.