

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2019**

PRESENT: Barry Johnson, Daniel Doucette, Richard Anderson, Fred Bartholomew, Andrew Cooney, Peter Holmes, Penny Myers

EXCUSED: George Sala, Neil Langille

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Troy, Sam Haines, Frank Gasson, Rick Rheinhardt, Les Perry, Patrick Sweeney, Christian McManus, Keith Barber, Chris Southwood, Bob Dwyer and other members of the public

Recording Clerk, Ann Gutterson

B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Consideration of the application filed by Cataumet Methodist Church for steeple repairs - \$10,000.

B. Johnson read the application into the record. Filled out the rating criteria. Historic recommends this go forward.

Bob Troy: Case in Supreme Court of MA 3/9/18. CPA application and a category of historic for two projects in an Acton church. Theirs was stained glass windows and they wanted a master plan to preserve the three buildings. Court determined on the windows. MA constitution purpose of founding any church, etc. Gravity of funds, careful scrutiny. They have come up with a three part test then can determine if it passes:

1. Purpose: Founding, maintaining, or aiding a Church?
If a specific religion, shouldn't be recommended.
2. Effect of grants is to substantially aid the Church (religion, not the building).
3. Grants avoid risks that caused anti-aid amendment. Avoid risks with public financial support of religious institutions.

B. Johnson: The church is listed on the MA Historical Register.

P. Holmes: Is the building an institution to the group that owns it?

A. Cooney: Not the first time we used CPC funds in this matter.

B. Johnson: That was prior to the cases. The advertised deadline for the application was 8/16/19, this was received on 8/28/19.

R. Anderson: What is the definition of "Aid"?

Bob: Case by case basis.

A. Cooney: Motion to entertain it past the deadline. The Motion was seconded by F. Bartholomew.

D. Doucette: Is it an emergency repair?

Not emergency.

Vote: 3 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

B. Johnson: Tie vote, not motion to go forwarded at this time.

R. Anderson made a Motion to take business out of order. The Motion was seconded by D. Doucette with all in favor.

Open Space/Recreation

Save the Cove/Marshes - \$50,000

Frank Gasson: Gave you everything to go forward with a feasibility study. Circuit Ave beach covered pipes that flush Hen Cove. Hope give an opportunity to get this done and improve water quality. Originally Patuisset was an island and cattle would graze over the summer. The Town put a road to the island. Pipes went from Hen Cove out to Saltmarsh to flush. Eel grass and scallops is now silt. There is a dredging problem.

Sam: Concern on Town of Bourne land, infrastructure. Public funds for private residences. Performed by town staff not residential associations. Like to see if can expand the scope.

B. Johnson: Group puts up bills then submit and bills get processed. Go to Sam, need two signatures or letter on who is authorized to sign for them then we reimburse the vendor, not the association. After discussion, the bills will go to Barry as Chair of the CPC.

Open Space Committee (OSC): P. Myers made a Motion to recommend this to the CPC. The Motion was seconded by L. Perry.

R. Rheinhardt: For wetland restoration projects. A lot of federal and state funds for these. Given scores/points if a priority of funds. Community involvement if want it done. Some towns do matching funds. Could be many years. Cape Cod Conservation District has money for this type of project. Think overly ambitious. Don't think we should pay for it but supply a match.

Frank: The \$50,000 is for an engineering study. Four steps as to what this is, don't know total amount. Think the study will give us a cost (Town and us).

Sam: If we get \$50,000 from the CPA, potential in this area to tie in with stormwater infrastructure. Been researching grants, the road will have to be revised. Town already committed this money. May help get grants.

P. Sweeney: For flushing only? Shouldn't be what is causing the problem? Have you tried flushing only?

Sam: Cost, outcome to make difference in water quality, etc.

R. Anderson: Is it easier to get money when you have money?

Sam: Yes.

Christian McManus: Can't get other funds unless the Town works with us. Can't get a break. Wasn't cleaned with the last dredging, important to start.

B. Johnson: The BSC proposal is the basis on our vote.

A. Cooney: Want to make sure can use this money for data.

Sam: All data is good data.

OSC VOTE: Six in favor, one opposed.

CPC: D. Doucette made a Motion to approve, under staff control, possible expansion revert to original scope. The Motion was seconded by P. Holmes.

Keith Barber: Is there a time limit with this?

B. Johnson: Part of an article. Good until completed or closed out by Town Meeting. Like to see two years to start or complete. This is the first step of many.

Vote: All in favor.

Barlow's Landing Dinghy Dock - \$38,000....other half out of Capital funds

Chris Southwood: We received funding in FY18. Last December we went to bid and were short by \$52,000. This should have it built by the spring. We have 300 moorings and 30-35 dingys. Will have about 50+ with this and is Town owned.

OSC: R. Anderson made a Motion to recommend to the CPC. The Motion was seconded by P. Myers with all in favor.

CPC: A. Cooney made a Motion to support. The Motion was seconded by P. Holmes.

R. Anderson: Will the fees of the dock make enough for maintenance and repairs?

Chris: Every year we plan on things like this.

Vote: All in favor.

Bike Rail Trail: Phase 4 - \$50,000

B. Johnson: We jumped to Phase 4 as Falmouth is getting their end by Bourne.

A. Cooney: Will show Falmouth that Bourne is committed.

OSC: A. Cooney made a Motion to recommend this to the CPC. The Motion was seconded by L. Perry with all in favor.

CPC: D. Doucette made a Motion to support Phase 4 of the bike path as determined by the engineers. The Motion was seconded by P. Holmes with all in favor.

Pocasset Park at 789 Shore road - \$80,000

Sam: Driveway with drainage. Simple, low impact, loam and seed, blueberries, beach plums. Town common area. Put in a pergola for shade, limited beach access with stairs. Good for the town.

OSC: R. Rheinhardt: Good idea, any chance of getting funds elsewhere?

Sam: Don't know. Out of my realm. DPW doing most of the work. Haven't looked if grant funding is available. Strictly passive recreation.

A. Cooney: Will it be engineered?

Sam: That would be \$80,000 itself. It will be surveyed. Want it simple and more usable. Will be a DPW park.

P. Myers: Schematic on the marsh, sign looking distressed, want to look better. Might reach out to Tahanto on the flower beds.

R. Rheinhardt made a Motion to send to CPC. The Motion was seconded by A. Cooney with all in favor.

CPC: D. Doucette made a Motion to support. The Motion was seconded by R. Anderson with all in favor. Also, look for in-kind donations (benches, etc).

Historic

Archives Website - \$28,000

R. Anderson made a Motion to support. The Motion was seconded by D. Doucette with all in favor.

Town Hall Accessibility - \$20,000

D. Doucette made a Motion to deny. The Motion was seconded by R. Anderson.

P. Holmes: There is already access.

D. Doucette: Town Hall has it, should be a Capital expenditure. Think better used for other projects.

A. Cooney: Has this been to the Commission of Disabilities?

P. Myers: Doesn't say handicap accessibility.

D. Doucette: Not opposed if front stairs only. To include the ramp and tear up the access takes away from the look of the building.

B. Johnson: Needs more study and discussion. Remove from article.

VOTE: All in favor.

Pocasset Community Building improvements - \$98,676

Bob Dwyer: The building has vinyl on front and is non-compliant with Historical. Replacing with red cedar. Restoring the porch railing and front door, also replacing the boarded up rear windows. Handicap access overall, but not easily accessible. Driveway will be resloped 1:12 with a handicap space at the bottom. Entry door will be 36", improve climate control.

D. Doucette: Are you locked into this number? Do you have money set aside for a contingency?

Bob: We set aside 20% for feasibility. If run over we'll approach the association and then have a fundraiser. We do have some grants.

D. Doucette: Round off to \$100,000. National Historic Register, remove/restore. Motion to support \$100,000. The Motion was seconded by P. Holmes.

R. Anderson: Does historic offer grants?

Bob: It opens the door for a number of other grants, improve functionality.

VOTE: All in favor.

D. Doucette made a MOTION to adjourn seconded by A. Cooney with all in favor.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Gutterson