

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee



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Gina Guasconi, Chair
Recreation Commission

Carlton Hunt, Vice-Chair
Citizen at Large

Maureen Minasian
Open Space Committee

Stacy Driscoll
Housing Authority

Patrick Driscoll
Planning Board

Harry Bailey, Jr.
Conservation Commission

Geoff Merriman
Historical Commission

William Smith
Historic District Commission

Affordable Housing Trust

Meeting Minutes May 22, 2024

Link to meeting recording:

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Carlton Hunt, Geoff Merriman, Patrick Driscoll, Maureen Minasian, William Smith

Members Absent: Stacey Driscoll, Harry Bailey

Guests:

B. Chair's Announcements

C. Public Comments – None.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) March 27th, 2024

Carlton Hunt motioned to approve the March 27th which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) April 24th, 2024

Carlton Hunt motioned to approve the April 24th which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Financial Reports

a) April 30th, 2024

The committee reviewed the financial report from April 30th, 2024.

F. Old Business

a) Applications Received

1. Senior Center Community Garden

The Senior Center application is on hold while the application is reviewed with the town attorney and CPC coalition.

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2. Hanson's Farm

Negotiations are ongoing.

b) Project Updates – Active projects

1. Stiles and Hart Improvement

Work is underway with an anticipated project length of 3-4 months.

2. Hemlock Drive Windows Replacement

The grant agreement has been signed and work should begin shortly.

3. Parthenon Frieze

The DPW is handling the work to reinforce the wall structure. This will not happen quickly given the work required and the nature of the public building. The friezes are in storage off site to protect them from damage. Once the walls are reinforced, the friezes can be hung – likely sometime this summer.

4. Summer Street

A presentation is available on the town's YouTube page and public input is available through completion of a survey that runs until the first of June.

5. Broad Street Properties

Working with Wildlands Trust to incorporate this property into the overall park restriction.

c) Project Updates – Completed Projects

1. Town House

The historic architect is in the process of submitting a final report to the state and an abridged version has been requested for the CPC.

2. Old State Farm Trails

The trails have attracted National Attention for the work being undertaken. Kitty Doherty will be meeting with BSU students for a collaboration for work on the trails and will also be talking to all three Bridgewater towns to ultimately connect the trails.

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d) Administrative Account – FY23 Carryover Encumbrances

1. Recognition Plaques and Signage for CPA Funded Projects

Carlton Hunt has been finalizing the requested plaques, an invoice is expected before FY25

2. 5-Year Plan

The CPC Officers have met with JM Goldson for a preliminary discussion. Jennifer Goldson will be attending the June meeting for a kickoff to the proposal.

G. New Business

a) Hanson Farm Appraisal Engineering Cost

The awarded amount of \$12,000 for the appraisal has been spent, the Town Manager will be requesting an additional \$3,000 to pay the remaining balance of the appraisal.

William Smith motioned to approve the additional \$3,000 cost, taken from FY24 admin account 530000, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) CPC Document Posting to CPC Webpage

Josh will be updating the website after the CPC officers meet to discuss layout of the webpage.

c) Samuel Edison Book

Carlton motioned to authorize the assessment of the book, not to exceed \$2,000, by Karen Urbec which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. Committee Liaison Reports

Parks and Recreation

No updates.

Historical District Commission

The commission will be meeting to discuss certificates of appropriateness for signage and installation of solar panels to a building in the district.

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Historical Commission

The commission will be meeting to discuss a demolition delay for 96 Main Street.

Conservation Commission

The commission will be meeting to discuss the pleasant street fire station location.

L. Adjournment of Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Carlton Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw