



Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025

Link to meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHEu0wfpGa8>

A. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Carlton Hunt, Maureen Minasian, Harry Bailey, William Smith

Members Absent: Patrick Driscoll, William Smith

Guests:

B. Chairs Announcements

The chair commented on the upcoming 4th of July celebration.

C. Public Comment – None

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 28th, 2025

Carlton Hunt motioned to approve the May 28th meeting minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Review of Financial Reports – May 31, 2025

The committee reviewed the financial reports as of May 31, 2025. Carlton Hunt requested that the corrected report received 6/25/25 be put into record.

F. Old Business

a) **Applications Received: None**

b) **Eligibility Forms Received**

1. **Multifunctional Fields at the Middle School**

The application is pending; additional information has been requested.

2. **Storage Building at Legion Field**

The committee is waiting for additional information.

3. **First Parish Unitarian Church Window Replacement**

The church has been asked to forward along additional information as well as reach out to the Historic District Commission on the window replacement.

4. **Cedar Street**

The eligibility form is expected at the July meeting. The work is primarily for foundation work and accessibility into the basement.

c) **Project Updates – In Process**

a. **Hanson's Farm**

The Conservation Restriction has been received, and the signage has been ordered. There will be one conservation sign and one trail sign.

b. **Stiles and Hart Improvements**



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The landlock piece of property is still an ongoing issue and needs to be resolved by the Town Council. An update has been requested from the engineer, Patrick Brennan. The signage has been ordered, and David Moore will be submitting a letter to request additional historical signage.

c. Hemlock Drive Windows Replacement

Windows have been received, and the crew is completing the mockup and window trim work. It is expected that the final work will begin in 10 days.

d. Parthenon Frieze

The work is expected to begin as soon as the measurements for the friezes has been received.

e. Samuel Edson Book

The restoration and digitization are in progress with an expected end date of September.

f. Town House Interior Historical Architect Assessment

This project will be revisited in FY26.

d) Project Updates – Completed Projects

a. Broad Street Properties

Pending the Conservation Restriction and the final report.

Carlton Hunt motioned to close account 581002 and return the remaining monies to the CPC Reserve Account which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Summer Street

The Conservation Restriction is still pending along with the final report.

c. Rebinding of 1894 Death Book

The final report

G. New Business

1) Potential New Projects

a. Jenny Leonard Park

Parks and Recreation are holding off on action until the piece of property is accepted by the Town.

b. Basketball Courts

No additional updates.

c. Study of recreational land options

It has been recommended that the study be paired with the Open Space Plan that the town has received grant money for.

d. Restoration of Fire Department's Ousamequin Hand Pump Truck

There have not been any updates.

e. Playground Accessibility

Carlton Hunt presented at the Disability Commission meeting on 6/24 to review eligible projects using CPC funding. The CPC will request the Disability Commission chair to attend the July meeting to further discuss the project scope.

f. First Cemetery – Repair of Gravestones

The university has shown interest in street upgrades, repairs, and renovations to the area near the future Summer Street park. The First Cemetery sits right on the corner across from the park and Carlton Hunt has reached out to BSU for possible collaboration.



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H. Liaison Report

a. Historical Commission

The commission has not met, however, they will be discussing the closing of Perkins Foundry when they are able to meet.

b. Open Space

The committee has not met.

c. Conservation Commission

ConCom meets on 6/26 with an uneventful agenda.

d. Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation have several projects on hold waiting for eligibility forms. They did not have quorum for their last meeting.

I. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 30th at 6:30 p.m.

J. Adjourn

motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw/Gina Guasconi