



Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes October 22, 2025

Link to meeting recording:

A. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Carlton Hunt, William Smith, Patrick Driscoll, Harry Bailey

Members Absent: David Moore, Maureen Minasian

Guests: None

B. Chairs Announcements

The CPC will be presenting to the Town Council in the next few months. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

C. Public Comment –

None

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

August 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The minutes will be voted at the November meeting.

September 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The minutes will be voted at the November meeting.

E. Review of Financial Reports –

a. The financial report as of September 30, 2025, was reviewed. 37% of the budget has been collected for this fiscal year.

F. Old Business

a) Applications Received:

1. Historic Cemetery Assessment Application

The project will cover the 10 town owned cemeteries in town. Letters of support have been obtained from the Historic District Commission and Bridgewater State University. The estimated cost for the assessment is \$200,000.

William Smith motioned to recommend the appropriation of \$200,00 for the Historic Cemetery Assessment from the Historic Preservation Reserve Account, Account 324200, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.



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2. Multi-Functional Fields

The application and letters of support were sent to the Town Council for the November meeting.

b) Eligibility Forms Received

1. Storage Building at Legion Field

The committee is waiting for additional information. *Correction from last meeting: The building has been deemed unsafe and will eventually be torn down.*

2. Cedar Street

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

c) Project Updates – In Process

1. Hanson's Farm

The signs are installed. Wildlands Trust is preparing a press release for the property. A ceremony is being planned, with expected timing in November. The trail is being reviewed for bog bridges.

2. Stiles and Hart Improvements

The project has been closed out, however, there are additional items that need to be completed. The signage of the park was discussed, and John Hart will be installing a trail map in the entrance kiosk. The town will be looking into why the project was closed early.

3. Hemlock Drive Windows Replacement

Installation is nearing completion. A final report will be created once finished.

4. Parthenon Frieze

The hanging of the friezes is moving forward with an engineering firm being hired to reinforce the wall. The construction will be November 7th with the hanging of the Frieze on November 19th.

5. Town House Historical Architect Assessment

The project is in process.

d) Project Updates – Completed Projects

1. Broad Street Properties

This is pending the Conservation Restriction, which is with the Wildlands Trust, they are working on the update.

2. Summer Street – Mobil Station

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

3. Rebinding of 1894 Death Book

The final report was submitted for review to the committee.

Carlton Hunt motioned to approve the 1894 Death Record Book Final Report which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Edson Book

The final report was submitted for review to the committee.

Harry Bailey motioned to approve the Edson Book Final Report which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

e) Anticipated Projects

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

This project is on hold until a space at the new fire station can be found, and the estimate of restoration is received.

2. Playground Accessibility



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The Disability Commission is preparing a scope of work before an eligibility form is submitted.

3. Town River Landing

The town has entered into an amended lease that would now allow CPC funding to be used, an eligibility form will be submitted.

4. Jenny Leonard Park

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

5. Basketball Courts

No additional updates.

6. Study of recreational land options

No additional updates.

7. Application Template

The CPC application is being reviewed for changes for ease of use.

G. New Business

a) As brought up by the committee

H. Liaison Report

a. Historical Commission

An application was reviewed for the restoration of the First Parish Unitarian Church Windows which was approved for a certificate of appropriateness.

b. Open Space

The committee has not met due to a lack of a quorum.

c. Conservation Commission

No updates at this time, the October meeting was cancelled

d. Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation have several projects on hold waiting for eligibility forms. The October meeting was cancelled.

e. Planning Board

Old Field Subdivision is before the Planning Board

I. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 10th, 2025.

J. Adjourn

Harry Bailey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw/Gina Guasconi