

**Town of Sharon
Community Preservation Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**CPC Meeting Minutes
1/5/22**

EDC Members

Corey Snow, Chair	Rob Maidman
Marc Bluestein absent	Dave Martin
Eli Hauser	Susan Saunders
Keevin Geller	

Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain	Jim Grasfield
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Administration

- Chair Snow called the CPC meeting to order at 7:05 PM via ZOOM. He shared a Google Drive folder that contained the current proposed projects, agendas and financials.
- Introductions were made by all the members: Chair Snow is appointed by the Moderator. Dave Martin represents the Historical Commission. Rob Maidman represents the Planning Board. Eli Hauser represents the Select Board. Keevin Geller represents the Conservation Committee. Susan Saunders represents the Housing Authority.
- Chair Snow stated that the Community Preservation Act does good things for towns.

Projects

- Project #4 was proposed by Town Engineer Peter O'Cain. He said this project came to light over the past few weeks. The Historic Water Department structures interior has warped paneling. The wooden frame has rot and is ready to fall down. It is used as an office and water testing site for wells etc. Need an architect to identify immediate needs to make it more habitable. He estimates \$30,000 is needed for an architect to put together a project list and to assign costs. He said they will come back to the CPC next year with a full architectural plan. Mr. O'Cain said he will have hard numbers and scope of work by February. After the Depot Street Bridge was built, cars spray water on the building which has added to the warping. This project would fall under the historical category. In the past, the building housed a steam power pump and was built in 1867. Mr. O'Cain said he will obtain a second architects estimate.
- Project #6 is for historical cemetery signage. Jim Grasfield, Chair of the Historical Commission said Sharon has 9 historic cemeteries. Rock Ridge has a small graveyard on private land. 2 of the 9 cemeteries have signage. At Rock Ridge the signage was erected in 1976. It is non informative and is crumbling. The Historical Commission wants to erect signage more in line with other towns in the Commonwealth.
- Mr. Grasfield said they want to create a bank of data of history which would allow for a means to disseminate information. They are proposing a three tier project. 1. Erect

universal signage based on 1930 formats used in Massachusetts. Keep with the historic nature of cemeteries. 2. Signage leads visitors to website with history of who is buried in these cemeteries. 3. There is one small cemetery on Walpole and Moose Hill. It only has 6 graves. It is 10 feet from the road. Small boulders protect it. Mr. Grasfield suggested an antique fence to surround the graveyard so it has presence and will be protected from cars and snowplows.

- In total they are asking for \$60,000. The signs they want are metal embossed signs with more updated information and website links. Mr. Grasfield said they will pick a sign style that is universal around Massachusetts.
- It was noted by Mr. Geller that Chestnut Cemetery stone walls need repair and there are other stone walls that need repair but are not included in this proposal.
- Mr. Hauser said the EDC is working on wayfaring signs. They will have historical consistency, and a traditional look. He wants to sync the wayfaring signs with the Historical Commission signs. This would be a great collaboration.
- Mr. Maidman asked what the lead time for receiving the signs are and Mr. Grasfield said he was not sure of the timeframe.
- Mr. Maidman asked how the text is chosen and Mr. Grasfield said he researched on the history to determine basic biographical facts. The HC will write a collective narrative but can only include a small portion on the signs. Little can be conveyed on the signs but the website can provide more details. The Historical Commission itself will vote on the project at their own meeting.

Financial Reports

- Chair Snow said he reached out to the Community Preservation to see if monies could be shuffled amongst the various categories and they said it was unprecedented and would require a legislative act. He reviewed all of the financials with the Committee.

Adjournment

- Ms. Saunders moved to close the meeting and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The CPC voted unanimously via roll call to conclude at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting Dates

- The next scheduled CPC meeting dates include: 1/19, 2/2, 2/16 and 3/2