

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

**CPC Meeting Minutes
12/21/22**

EDC Members

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

Other Attendees

Patricia Achorn - CPC liaison to the Finance Committee	Courtney Hopkins – rep of Unitarian Church

Administration

- Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and shared the evenings agenda. Chair Snow welcomed all members back to review projects for the 2023 Spring Town Meeting cycle or fiscal 2024 cycle. He stated that the Town has asked that we develop our recommendations earlier this year. This meeting is to lay down the groundwork and set the table to launch strong into the new year.

2023 Projects

Project # 1 – Preservation of Lake Massapoag

- Chair Snow said that Laura Russell will present this project at the next CPC meeting. This project is follow up on work from earlier lake studies funded by the CPC. The Lake Management Advisory Committee's project is to Preserve Lake Massapoag as a Community Resource to include intensive weed removal, and additional testing to inform nutrient reduction and mitigation strategies for lake health - \$80,000

Project # 2 – DPW Renovation of the historic Sharon Water Department building

- Chair Snow stated that Sharon Water Department will present their project at a future meeting. CPC had funded a study on the water building and this request is to fund the work at the historic Sharon Water Department building- \$400,000

Project # 3 – DPW cemetery restoration for the Moose Hill Cemetery

- Chair Snow stated that the cemetery restoration project was initially funded by CPC for a study. This project will be discussed at a future meeting. The restoration project for Moose Hill Cemetery is approximately \$50,000.

Project # 4 – Unitarian Church Playground Project

- Courtney Hopkins is representing the Unitarian Church's request for funding for their playground in the amount of \$8,156. Ms. Hopkins said they have raised \$8,000 earmarked for their playground. They want to share this space with the town. They have also earmarked funds for signs to state "open to the public".
- Chair Snow asked if there is any formal agreement with the Town that allows for usage of the playground.
- Dave Martin said that the Unitarian Church is in the historic district and she would need to present the project to the Historical Commission for their approval first.
- Ms. Saunders said that historically we have not looked at projects owned by someone other than the Town.
- Chair Snow said that public funding for private organizations is always in question. CP Act is completely neutral to idea of funding being private versus public. The Act allows for it.
- Mr. Maidman asked for schematics or visualizations. He asked if it was ADA Compliant and Ms. Hopkins said she needed to check. Mr. Maidman said this is a requirement for all playgrounds.
- Chair Snow suggested Ms. Hopkins connect with Linda Berger of the Recreation Department for compliant requirements for playgrounds.
- Mr. Maidman said he likes the idea of public access and how to make P.O. Square more recreationally attractive. Because the playground is on non for profit land there needs to be an agreement with the Town to allow for perpetuity and addresses the liability. There is also an issue of landscaping and trash removal he said.
- Chair Snow said that we like to eliminate any technical issues.
- Mr. Maidman said it is key to know that there is public access - clear, concise and unmistakable.
- Chair Snow said he will see if there are guidelines/boiler plate out there to determine if this has been done before.
- Ms. Hopkins said the intent is to invite the public in from a North Main Street sign.
- Mr. Maidman said the timing of parking spots should be considered.
- Chair Snow said that it is an ask and a gift to the Town. Thank you for coming to enhance the playground. We will try and help with administrative burdens.

CP Dues

To be discussed at a future meeting.

Annual Operating Budget

To be discussed at a future meeting.

Debt Service

To be discussed at a future meeting.

Reserves

Chair Snow said the following are the current reserves:

Historic - \$593,783.37

Housing - \$440,993.59

Undesignated - \$1,487,643.35

Open Space - 0

\$281,921.07 is funding that is open from previous projects.

A conversation ensued regarding funding. Chair Snow said we can maximize the undesignated.

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting scheduled are January 4, January 12, January 26 and February 1

CPC is scheduled to present to the Finance Committee on February 6, 2023

Town Meeting is May 2nd.

Adjournment

Mr. Martin moved to adjourn and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Committee voted by roll unanimously to adjourn at 8:17 PM.