



## Community Preservation Committee

550 Hanover Street  
Hanover, MA 02339

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 7:00 pm

*This meeting was held via Zoom and in-person.*

#### Committee Members Present

William Scarpelli, Chairman  
Mary Dunn  
Judy Grecco

#### Not Present

Maryann Brugnoli  
Mike Jorgensen  
Brian McLoone  
Jonathan Chu

#### Other Attendees:

Ann Lee

#### Opening

Chairman William Scarpelli opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

#### Review Rail Trail – Ellis Connection Application.

The Committee met with Joe Colangelo (Town Manager) on this application. Mr. Colangelo provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Rockland Rail Trail to West Hanover noting that the fencing is up; the area has been paved, the parking lots are in place and; meetings continue with the State on pedestrian crosswalks as it is a State controlled intersection. The majority of the work on this section was completed with money from a grant. Based on initial conversations with DPW we think that another \$250,000 will be needed to bring the Trail from where it is now to Ellis not the \$500,000 as indicated on the application. There is a prior Town Meeting appropriation for funds to be used for the connection to Ellis; we have to confirm that those funds can be used on this portion of the project. Whatever funds are not used will be returned.

The current application is for the next proposed connection to bring the trail it to Ellis Field. There is a trapezoid piece of land owned by an abutter which will have a formal transfer of ownership to make the connection to Ellis Field. Prior CPA funds approved by Town Meeting will be used for attorney fees for the cost of transferring the land. This application is specifically is for the engineering and construction of the connection to Ellis; we don't have an estimate of the cost as of now. Some of the areas are wet areas and it's likely not going to be able to be a paved trail it may be a boardwalk. If a grant becomes available for this phase of the project we will apply for it. The Parks and Recreation Committee are supportive of this project. Mr. Colangelo noted he should have more information for the Public Hearing.

**Stetson House Interior Redesign Project.**

The Committee met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director Hanover Historical Society on this application. Mr. O'Neill explained this application is requesting \$9,000 to repair, restore, improve and reinterpret the first floor interior space of the Stetson House. The project will involve inspection of the downstairs, repair work where necessary, painting of interior spaces, and cleaning of the windows, hearth, and fireplaces. Mary Dunn inquired if there will be any climate control installed; Mr. O'Neill noted that may be a future application.

**Cobbler's Shop Restoration.**

The Committee met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director Hanover Historical Society on this application. Mr. O'Neill explained this application is requesting \$5,000 to restore, upgrade and reinterpret the 1850's Cobbler Shop on the Stetson House grounds. The shop was moved to the grounds in 1992 (from Washington Street) and after being moved it is in need of attention. The project requires restoration carpentry, cleaning, and upgrade of the electrical wiring for better lighting.

**Digital Collections Preservation.**

The Committee met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director Hanover Historical Society on this application. Mr. O'Neill explained this application is requesting \$10,000 to purchase the equipment for creating a digital collections preservation project. This will enable the Historical Society and volunteers to scan and digitize manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, posters, and other library and archival materials in the collections.

The Committee discussed having the application deadline in mid-October but will discuss it at a future meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 1-23-24; the articles for the Warrant will be voted at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:08 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Ann Lee*