



Community Preservation Committee

550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – 7:00 pm

This meeting was held via Zoom and in-person.

Committee Members Present

William Scarpelli, Chairman
Mary Dunn
Judy Grecco
Jonathan Chu
Susan Setterland (via Zoom)

Not Present

Maryann Brugnoli
Mike Jorgensen
Brian McLoone

Other Attendees:

Ann Lee
Steve Louko

Joe Colangelo
Stephen O'Neill

Sandy MacFarlane

Opening

Chairman William Scarpelli opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. noting this is the Public Hearing which was advertised for January 23rd and is being continued tonight due to a lack of a quorum on January 23rd. Chairman Scarpelli asked if any of the Committee members objected to taking the agenda out of order with taking the Rail Trail – Ellis Connection Application last; the Committee agreed.

Stetson House Interior Redesign Project.

Chairman Scarpelli noted we have met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director of the Hanover Historical Society previously on the application for the Stetson House Interior Redesign in the amount of \$9,000. Chairman Scarpelli asked the Committee if there were any additional questions for Mr. O'Neill; hearing none. The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to support and approve the application as written; Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes. I think the Stetson House is getting a little tired. Need some sprucing up for the interior and be redesigned. The Committee noted this is a good proposal and revising and organizing it a little bit differently for visitors would be a good idea.

Cobbler's Shop Restoration.

Chairman Scarpelli noted we have met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director of the Hanover Historical Society previously on the application for the Cobbler's Shop Restoration in the amount of \$5,000. Chairman Scarpelli asked the Committee if there were any additional questions for Mr. O'Neill; hearing none. The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to support and approve the application as written; Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes;

William Scarpelli, yes. The Committee noted the cobbler shop has not had anything done to it since it was moved to the Stetson House location and restored. It needs a lot of help to be restored to the shape it was in when it was initially restored around 1992.

Digital Collections Preservation.

Chairman Scarpelli noted we have met with Stephen O'Neill, Executive Director of the Hanover Historical Society previously on the application for the Digital Collections Preservation in the amount of \$10,000. Chairman Scarpelli asked the Committee if there were any additional questions for Mr. O'Neill; hearing none. The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to support and approve the application as written; Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes. The Committee noted digitally preserving documents had been started with a prior director and when they left it never went any further, it needs to be updated, we need this documentation. Further noting that this is something that needs to be done, and the sooner the better. It's not just the security it is providing access to materials that otherwise wouldn't be available to the general public.

Affordable Housing Trust.

Chairman Scarpelli noted we have the Affordable Housing Trust application and as we know this is really an accounting article. Chairman Scarpelli explained that this is done every year; essentially it's 10% of the CPA allocation to the Town that is directed to the Affordable Housing Trust for its use for whatever necessary projects come before the Trust. The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to support and approve the application as written; Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

Rail Trail – Ellis Connection.

Chairman Scarpelli noted we have met with Joe Colangelo, Town Manager previously on the application for the spur, off of the Rail-Trail, to Ellis Field in the amount of \$250,000. Chairman Scarpelli asked the Committee if there were any additional questions for Mr. Colangelo.

Mr. Colangelo noted the reduction in the original request of \$500,000 for the project which has been amended to \$250,000 which includes engineering costs. Mr. Colangelo suggested that the project could be reduced in scope and could possibly be an Eagle Scout project. The estimate does not include "in-kind" services provided nor does the estimate from Merrill. If the spur is a boardwalk connection to Ellis it won't be technically ADA compliant; there is an importance to at least make it ADA compliant and should be up to the standard of the rail trail. The Town is moving forward with the land transfer with the current property owner; it is anticipated to be finalized by Town Meeting.

The Committee noted the spur should have a gravel base and be able to be used with a stroller, bicycle, or by someone who is disabled. There was concern voiced on the cost of the spur but it was noted that this project will not cause an increase in taxes for residents and this spur will not be precedent setting for future trails. The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to support and approve

the application as amended to \$250,000; Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee reviewed the draft Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the Stetson House Interior Redesign Article, as submitted, for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the Cobbler's Shop Restoration Article, as submitted, for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the Digital Collections Preservation Article, as submitted, for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the Affordable Housing Trust Article, as submitted, for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the Rail Trail – Ellis Connection Article, as amended to read "*related to the construction of a spur, to the existing trail in West Hanover to Ellis Field*", for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee by Roll Call Vote voted to approve the "annual housekeeping Article" Appropriate Funds – Community Preservation Revenues, as submitted, for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan Chu, yes; Judy Grecco, yes; Mary Dunn, yes; Susan Setterland, yes; William Scarpelli, yes.

The Committee voted to approve the December 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Scarpelli requested that a meeting be scheduled between the members of the Committee and Town Officials involved with the revitalization of B. Everett Hall Field to get a sense of next steps and possibilities of what can be done at the site in correlation with the Conway School report.

Chairman Scarpelli requested a recent copy of the CPA spreadsheet from the Finance Director.

Adjournment

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lee