

**TOWN of HOLLISTON  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022. 7:00 P.M.

Remote Participation Meeting

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order at 7: 07 P.M.**

**The Opening Statement was read:**

*Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, as well as the Select Board's Emergency Order dated 3/16/2020..... the CPC will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Action requirement of keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.*

**Frank Chamberlain called the roll for each member**

**Responding Present:** Frank Chamberlain, Chair; Warren Chamberlain; Thomas Dumas; Eva Stahl; Paul Saulnier; Geoffrey Zeamer.

**Absent:.** Melissa Kaspern, John Vosberg.

Alan Rutberg is a new CPC member from the Conservation Commission who has not been sworn in yet.

**Also present:** Town of Holliston IT, Mark Frank and Shaw Lively representing Holliston Parks & Recreation, Liam Savage under the screen name "Dave Savage" representing the Eagle Project.

Frank Chamberlain has requested a copy of the spreadsheet with CPC balances and will send it to committee members. He reviewed the dates he has planned for future meetings.

**Action Items:**

**Update on current status of CPA projects.**

The Blair Square Committee reports cost overruns. They have found a new contractor. Frank Chamberlain told Kevin Conley that the CPC will have to review their proposal before approving it, with possible changes.

**Update on Conservation Restrictions (Community Farm and Rail Trail).**

The Community farm is still seeking a cost effective way to install bathrooms. Frank Chamberlain researched how the CPA would rule on using a building on land that was acquired by the CPA. He explained the way the CPA act is written. There was an opinion stated that the act should be changed to accommodate Open Space funds for a structure that supports the use of the land. The Farm is finalizing negotiations with Sudbury Valley Trustees to complete the conservation restriction on the land.

## **Presentation of Fall CPA proposals received**

### **1. Conservation Commission (Eagle Scout Project)**

Liam Savage introduced his Eagle Project under the category of Outdoor Recreation. It is located on the Daniels Property, off Fieldstone Drive, by Hollis Street. The project was done on April 2, from 12pm-4pm. Liam and his team completed the project in advance due to requirements at that time.

It was designed to create a safer and more stable place for hikers and runners at a place on the trail that can often be very wet. He shared a presentation including images of his fellow scouts working on the footbridge.

He requested estimated funds of \$666.40, with the CPC funding 100% of the project. The actual cost was \$660. Tools and labor were donated.

The CPC will release funds to the Conservation Commission, who will reimburse Liam. Mr. Zeamer asked how the reimbursement would work. Mr. Dumas clarified the numbers. Mr. Saulnier asked why there were no footings, and there was a reply that the bridge would not move on flat land.

Liam specifically worked with Christopher Bajdek as the sponsor of my Eagle project. Chris signed off on the plans and signed off on the completion of the project.

The Holliston conservation commission approved the construction of this project. Liam worked with Ryan Clapp (Conservation Agent) about the location and idea.

Frank Chamberlain explained how the Committee's approval process will work. It will be taken up at the committees' public meeting and approved through Town meeting.

### **1. Goodwill Park renovations (Parks and Recreation Department)**

Mr. Frank described a big project that will come before the Committee next year. Mr. Lively, chair of the Parks & Rec department was also present for questions.

Mr. Frank shared an image of the landscape plan and photos of Goodwill Park, available at this URL:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/otnsym894s75gto/AAA86qfnzKqoBWejRk-RAU9Da?dl=0>

This is the first implementation of the master plan. It includes basketball and pickleball courts, open field space, a tight tank septic, a new amphitheater for storage and concerts where the current garage is, a remastered landscaping plan, reclaimed seating, and a dugout.

They are working with the 9 Green Street parking lot group to maximize parking rather than having the landscaping that was planned.

There will be a public forum on September 8. After that meeting they will compose their proposal. They got a \$10,000 state commitment toward funding the bathroom space, and they are hoping for help from the DPW.

They are considering asking for \$850,000.

There was discussion of the many issues involved.

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### 3. Historical Commission

Mr. Saulnier presented a request for \$10,500 to fund a three part proposal for property preservation and restoration.

1. Cleaning and restoration of twelve oil paintings and framing of four oil paintings owned by the Society. Average paintings are over 150 (early to mid 19th century) years old. The paintings have degraded over time. The CPC is asked for \$3,500 of the total cost of \$5,500 for the oil painting restoration. Information and photos were attached with the presentation.
2. Evaluation of a 19th century carriage by a consultant, to report on the feasibility and cost of restoring one of their two carriages for use by the Society and the Town in events. The requested amount of \$1000 to cover the research may not be covered by CPA guidelines, but the actual restoration may in fact be approvable. An estimated real cost to restore the carriage might be around \$12,000. Mark Delliker is interested in doing the work. Repairing the carriage would allow it to be used in the 300th anniversary parades and then for use in other Town functions, to provide another visual understanding of that time period, and for weddings.
3. Restoration of the two exterior doors on the ell of the Asa Whiting House (Circa 1810). There are cracks in the doors, the panels have split, joints have sagged and new weather stripping is needed. Work includes complete disassembly of both doors, replacement of broken and shrunken panels, reassembly and painting. The total cost estimate is \$4,000. Restoration of the doors is preferable to replacement. Restoring the exterior doors will enhance the appearance of the ell, help preserve the structure of the side entrance, and conserve energy.

Paul Saulnier will focus on the carriage and door repairs. Sheila Adams and Jane Gilfoy will be incharge of the painting repairs.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022 as read:** Mr. Saulnier

Second: Mr. Zeamer

**VOTE Approved by role call:** Frank Chamberlain, aye. Warren Chamberlain, aye.

Mr. Dumas, aye. Mr. Saulnier, aye. Ms. Stahl, aye. Mr. Zeamer, aye.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mr. Zeamer

Second: Mr. Dumas

**VOTE Approved by role call:** Frank Chamberlain, aye. Warren Chamberlain, aye.

Mr. Dumas, aye. Ms. Stahl, aye. Ms. Stahl, aye. Mr. Saulnier, aye. Mr. Zeamer, aye.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.**

The next scheduled meeting will include a Public Hearing, held September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Woodrow

Clerk