

**TOWN of HOLLISTON**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, September 14, 2023 7:00 P.M.

**Hybrid Meeting**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:03**

**Frank Chamberlain read the Opening Statement:**

Opening Statement: Pursuant to the Governor's June 16, 2021 Act relative to extending certain COVID19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20..... the Community Preservation Committee 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 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.

**At this time, a roll call attendance vote was taken.**

**Responding Present:** Frank Chamberlain, Chair, Wilston Johnson (remote), Allen Rutberg; Paul Saulnier; Eva Stahl (remote); Geoffrey Zeamer

**Absent:** Melissa Kaspern

**Also present:** Town of Holliston; Mark Frank for Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Chamberlain welcomed Mr. Johnson to his first CPC meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Frank Chamberlain introduced the hearing. He noted that members of the public could attend with questions and comments.

There being no one present, the Hearing was closed at 7:10.

**MOTION** to close the public hearing: Mr. Rutberg

**SECOND** Mr. Zeamer

**VOTE** Approved by roll call: Mr. Chamberlain, aye. Mr. Johnson, aye. Mr. Rutberg, aye. Mr. Saulnier aye. Ms. Stahl, aye. Mr. Zeamer aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Goodwill Park Project update – Mark Frank**

Mr. Frank presented updates on:

- Goodwill Park. Due to some obstacles the potential Parks request we discussed will not be ready for fall construction, but is planned for spring.
- Mayflower Landing. Residents of the development have noted that a playground would be useful. Mr. Frank and the Parks Department decided to pause and gather more information about the best use for that space.

- 260 Woodland Street. There is a huge demand for pickleball courts, which may become an MIAA sport next year. Four courts with parking would fit in that space, which is across from the schools. This may be the subject of a future request.

### **Historical Society Requests**

#### **Asa Whiting House Ell Painting**

Mr. Saulnier presented the request from the Historical Society for assistance repairing and repainting the rear ell of the Asa Whiting House.

Total Project Cost: \$14,000

**CPA Funds Requested: \$11,000**

Non-CPA Funding Sources: \$3,000

CPA Percent: 78%

The Historical Society itself repaired structural problems three years ago.

**MOTION** to accept the proposal to recommend the expenditure of \$11k in Historical preservation funding to repair and repaint the ell of the Asa Whiting house. Sunset date of June 30, 2024. Mr. Zeamer

**SECOND** Ms. Stahl

**VOTE** Approved by role call: Mr. Chamberlain aye. Mr. Johnson, aye. Mr. Rutberg aye. Mr. Saulnier aye. Ms. Stahl aye. Mr. Zeamer aye.

#### **Whiting Barn Cornice Repairs**

Total Project Cost: \$4,325

**CPA Funds Requested: \$3,325**

Non-CPA Funding Sources: \$1,000

CPA Percent: 77%

Mr. Chamberlain reminded the Committee that the CPA strongly recommends finalizing a preservation restriction on the property. Mr. Chamberlain had distributed samples from other towns. He can create a draft, which Attorney Bill Mayer will look over.

**MOTION** to accept the request for \$3,325 for repair of the cornice/soffit of the Historical Society Barn: Mr. Rutberg

**SECOND** Mr. Johnson

**VOTE** Approved by role call: Mr. Chamberlain aye. Mr. Johnson, aye. Mr. Rutberg aye. Mr. Saulnier aye. Ms. Stahl aye. Mr. Zeamer aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Chamberlain is working with the Planning Board and Housing Authority to fill the two current openings on the CPC.

There was a discussion of short and long term planning for the Town and the CPC. Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that there has not been any activity coming from Housing to the Committee recently. He has reached out to Brian Clancy and is awaiting a response. He is interested in hearing what the town thinks of the projects the CPC is doing.

Mr. Chamberlain may ask someone from the Community Preservation Coalition to visit to present the latest developments, since CPA funds are matched by the State. Mr. Chamberlain explained how the CPC's share of funding works in Holliston, at 1.5% rather than 3%, and divided between all the communities that have been joining the pool. Mr. Chamberlain will reach out to Stuart Saginor to see what might be available for a community forum in the next few months.

Mr. Rutberg asked if the CPA could be used for climate resilience. Mr. Chamberlain agreed that could be a possibility. He noted that Open Space has been changed before, adding recreation to accommodate needs of less rural communities.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of September 14, 2023 as read: Mr. Rutberg

**SECOND** Mr. Saulnier

**VOTE** Approved by role call: Mr. Chamberlain aye. Mr. Johnson, aye. Mr. Rutberg aye. Mr. Saulnier aye. Ms. Stahl aye. Mr. Zeamer aye.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mr. Saulnier

**SECOND** Ms. Stahl

**VOTE** Approved by role call: Mr. Chamberlain aye. Mr. Johnson, aye. Mr. Rutberg aye. Mr. Saulnier aye. Ms. Stahl aye. Mr. Zeamer aye.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Woodrow  
Clerk