



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

by Zoom

Present: Alan Sanderson, Doug Coldwell, Judy Markland, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley.
Chris Williams, Catherine Wolkowicz

Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee approved minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2023 unanimously.

Regarding this year's update of the Town's CPA plan:

- Historical Commission and Housing Committee have completed review and update of their priorities, both of which are reflected in the updated draft plan distributed by Judy Markland on January 9.
- Recreation Commission will review its priorities at an upcoming meeting and provide any updates for the final 2024 Plan before the CPC's February meeting.

Alan thanked Judy for assembling and updating the entire plan, including adding new data as needed.

The Commission reviewed the following applications:

- Library's request for \$6,500 to seal deteriorated exterior brick. The Historical Commission has agreed with the CPC's assessment that this is maintenance work and therefore not eligible for CPA funding. Alan moved that the application be judged ineligible; Donna Wiley seconded; CPC voted to support this assessment unanimously.
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- The Historical Commission has determined that the proposed restoration of the sills at the Town's yellow barn may be done with screws and steel brackets in a way consistent with the

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. They will continue discussion of the project at their next meeting and submit a revised application shortly thereafter, well in advance of the 60-day deadline for revisions, February 10.

- Chris Williams reported that the Recreation Commission's application for funding for new batting cages at Herlihy Field has been revised to \$16,550. The cost of the artificial turf will be covered by the Rec Commission's revolving accounts. Judy will work with Chris to assemble a complete, revised application.
- There was no discussion of the Town's placeholder application for stabilization funding for the Center School. The committee to review proposals to buy the School will meet on January 17. Donna will make sure that Brian Domina knows that if the Town decides to submit a specific application for support, it must be received by February 10.

The next meeting of the CPC will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Chris agreed to host the Zoom meeting, as Donna will be out of town.

Alan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.