

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2020



The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:03PM

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Jean Guarino, Carlton Hunt, Harry Bailey, William Smith, Steven Rogan, Kevin Mandeville (Arrived 7:50)

Members Absent: Joan Neumeister

Guests Present: Anna Callahan, Jennifer Burke – CED Director, James Walsh, Barbara Morey, Terry Reynolds, Janet Hanson, Jason Wagner, Rachel Lawson, Gordon Brailsford

Call to order – 6:00PM

Public Comment – No public comment.

Congregational Church (CSCC) Application - Financial Eligibility Discussion and Vote

The chair offered two options for discussion on funding through the CPC and left it up to the committee to motion which option they feel is best for the application. A list of prioritized work was submitted by Barbara Morey and distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. Anna Callahan shared the responses of the CPC members regarding the application that were submitted to her after the last meeting of the CPC. A list of funding precedents in Bridgewater and the Acton cases were shown to the committee. The committee reviewed information provided by William Smith on CPA and CPC funding projects in Braintree and Boston that involved churches. The committee believes the historic significance will outweigh the religious significance of what is funded in the application. The committee thoroughly discussed funding for several elements of the prioritized list provided by the church but ultimately settled on funding the restoration of the steeple at this time.

Carlton Hunt motioned to discuss the elements that should be funded by the CPC, Harry Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carlton Hunt withdrew his original motion, William Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carlton Hunt motioned to consider funding of all the elements that are eligible for historic preservation money. William Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gina Guasconi motioned to amend the \$130,000 to restricting to the cost of materials and labor and not the soft cost. Harry Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was not approved with a vote of 1 yea and 6 nays.

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Gina Guasconi, Chair
Recreation Commission

Carlton Hunt, Vice-Chair
Citizen at Large

Kevin Mandeville
Open Space Committee

Joan Neumeister
Housing Authority

Jean Guarino
Planning Board

Harry Bailey, Jr.
Conservation Commission

Stephen Rogan
Historical Commission

William Smith
Historic District Commission

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Affordable Housing Trust

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Joshua McGraw
Staff Assistant

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Kevin Mandeville motioned that the chimney, steeple and door funding be recommended, totaling \$168,717, Carlton Hunt seconded the motion. The motion was not approved with a vote of 1 yea and 6 nays.

Carlton Hunt motioned to continue discussion at the next meeting of the CPC where a final vote will be taken, Steven Rogan seconded the motion. Steven Rogan withdrew his seconding of the motion. Carlton Hunt withdrew the motion.

Carlton Hunt motioned to fund the steeple restoration for \$200,000 against the total cost with the details to be provided by the next meeting, Steven Rogan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yea, 1 nay.

Carlton Hunt motioned to adjourn at 9:36PM, Steven Rogan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 9:36PM