

**Northampton Community Preservation Committee Minutes  
June 1, 2016**

**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

Members Present: Brian Adams, Chris Hellman, Linda Morley, Jack Finn, Debin Bruce ,  
David Whitehill, Julia Chevan,, David Drake  
Staff Present: Sarah LaValley

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**General Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

April 20, 2016 – Linda moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chris, the motion carried unanimously

May 4, 2016 - Debin moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda, the motion carried unanimously.

**Chair's Report**

Brian stated that all of the CPC's funding recommendations were approved by City Council at first reading. An article was published in the Gazette regarding the First Churches window restoration project.

Sarah will work with the Housing Authority over the summer to find a CPC representative from that board.

**Review and Approve Contracts and MOU for Projects Recommended for Funding**

*Academy of Music Curtain*

Linda suggested that public accessibility for the curtain should be considered by the Academy once it is repaired, and that a plan should be provided prior to the first payment, and language should also be added that the curtain cannot be sold or disposed of.

Linda moved to approve the contract, with the suggested changes. Seconded by David W, the motion carried unanimously.

*Saw Mill Hills Acquisition*

Debin asked about future invasive species removal needs. Jack noted that future management decisions should be left to the Conservation Commission.

Linda moved to approve the MOU. Seconded by Debin, the motion carried unanimously.

*Conservation Fund*

The Committee agreed that the \$20,000 limit on hard costs is still appropriate.

Debin moved to approve the MOU. Seconded by Jack, the motion carried unanimously/

*Housing for Homeless Youth*

Corrections and Modifications: fix amount to reflect the \$275,000 award, add HUD as a possible source of funding, and leave room for the restriction term to be longer than thirty years.

Linda suggested that the local restriction not be required to be senior to all other notes, as this may be an impediment to project success. The Committee discussed whether this would be appropriate. David D. stated that bad things can happen to nonprofits, and he would like to know that CPA funds are being protected and that the City's investment is permanent.

Linda suggested that she could investigate this going forward, and that 'to the extent feasible' be added to this contract.

David D. moved to approve the contract, with this change. Seconded by Debin, the motion carried unanimously.

*First Churches Windows*

The Committee agreed that the grantee should be made aware that additional funding for more restoration of additional windows will likely not be possible.

David moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Debin, the motion carried unanimously.

*Historic Northampton Dendrochronology*

Sarah noted that this is an MOU rather than a contract because it is under the City's \$10,000 contract threshold.

Debin moved to approve the MOU. Seconded by David D, the motion carried unanimously.

*Fitzgerald Lake Boardwalk*

Linda noted that the contract is based on a previous template. Sarah will migrate all of the language into the updated template.

Linda moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Jack, the motion carried unanimously.

*Pulaski Park*

Linda moved to approve the contract. Seconded by David W, the motion carried unanimously.

**Funding Round Debriefing**

Linda stated that the round went very well. Jack noted that all of the applications were of very high quality.

David D. stated that he appreciated the focus on applications and proposed projects.

Chris stated that site visits were especially helpful/

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.