

Northampton Community Preservation Committee Minutes
April 7, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Remote Online Meeting

Brian Adams	✓
Linda Morley	✓
Julia Chevan	✓
Chris Hellman	✓
Jeff Jones	✓
Martha Lyon	✓
Dan Krassner	✓
Jack Finn	✓
Vacant - Planning Board Rep	
Sarah LaValley - staff	✓

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

General Public Comment

Janna White introduced herself, and stated she may be the Planning Board's CPC representative in the fall.

Approval of Minutes

Chris move to approve the February 21, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Julia, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Chair's Report

Brian stated that the meeting will likely be Jack Finn's last. The Committee thanked Jack for his contributions, and presented a donation to the Broad Brook Coalition in his name. Brian stated that a Housing Choice Grant at the State Hospital has helped to advance the housing projects at Village Hill. Work at Smith Charities is beginning.

Funding Recommendations for spring 2021 CPA Funds

Brian suggested that the Committee go through each project with a 'shopping cart' in mind, then 'checkout' and finalize the recommendations. Linda stated that she has no reservations about any of the applications, and there are sufficient funds available. Raising questions about each of the applications during discussion may make sense.

PV Habitat for Humanity, Broughton's Meadow Small Homes

Julia moved to recommend funding at the full \$120,000 requested. Seconded by Jeff, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Sustainability, Historic Preservation Plan

Linda moved to recommend funding at the full \$70,000 requested. Seconded by Martha, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Sustainability, Mill River Greenway Beach

Jack moved to recommend funding at the full \$60,000 requested. Seconded by Linda. Martha asked how recreational problems that have occurred along the River can be managed. Julia noted that overuse issues are being discussed at Florence and Leeds community meetings, and there will also be an affirmative responsibility in the Conservation Restriction that will require trash pickup. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Sustainability, Affordable Housing Fund

Chris moved to recommend funding at the full \$50,000 requested. Seconded by Jeff. Chris presented conditions for ongoing fund projects. These include requirements for accounting of expenditures, and provision of a budget report when a subsequent application is submitted/ The Committee agreed that these can be added to the administrative section of the plan when it is updated, and added to contracts and MOU. Linda noted that this will formalize what is already being done in practice.

The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Northampton, Shepherd Barn and Damon House

Linda moved to recommend funding at the full \$21,250 requested. Seconded by Julia, the motion carried unanimously.

Lilly Library, Stair Repairs

Martha moved to recommend funding at the full \$14,500 requested. Seconded by Julia, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Council Orders for spring 2021 Funding Recommendations

The Committee reviewed Council Orders drafted by staff for the approved funding recommendations. Staff will add account information, to draw from the reserve accounts first, and then from the budgeted reserve. Chris moved to approve the Orders as presented. Seconded by Julia, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.