

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**March 7, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chair - Christopher Feeley, David McNeill (absent), Lisa Oxford, Wayne Simarrian, Rick Power, Phyllis Messere-Malcom, Jeffrey Livingstone (absent), Monique Doyle, Michael Giardino (absent)

**Town staff also in attendance:** Town Administrator Jamie Hellen, Ryan Jette  
Chairman Christopher Feeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the February 7, 2023, minutes were approved.

**2. Continuing CPC Business**

**Appropriation:**

From the FY2024 Estimated Revenues for administrative expenses \$93,545

**Resolution 23-23**

**Reserve Accounts:**

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Historic Preservation	\$187,084
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$187,084
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Open Space and Recreation Reserve	\$1,017,693
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$385,441

**TOTAL REQUESTED \$1,870,844**

Mr. Hellen: Presented Resolution 23-23 (draft) "Be It Moved and Voted by the Community Preservation Committee that the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$1,870,844) be appropriated or reserved as indicated above in FY2024 from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by Franklin Community Preservation Committee."

The requested amounts represent the regulated 10 percent amounts determined by the Community Preservation Act. Those monies remain until designated for upcoming projects.

The proposal of \$1,017,693 for Open Space and Recreation includes the Maple Hill and Schmitt Farm purchases and additional proposals. The CPC still has over \$1,000,000 in reserve monies for projects.

Ms. Doyle: Noted that next year's state match for CPC funding would likely be smaller.

Mr. Hellen: The estimate for FY 2024 is 25 percent. But the Legislature could add additional funding.

Mr. Feeley: The Committee might need an additional meeting to recalibrate.

Ms. Oxford: The Committee does not have to spend the 10 percent allotment but it must be allocated until it is used for that purpose.

Mr. Hellen: That is correct. There are future projects. It's almost like we are in our own runaway inflation. There are too many projects and too few people to do them. The cupola has not been started. Four Red Brick Schoolhouse windows came in 4 inches short. This is the reality of the world we live in. This project will probably not be complete until the summer. There just isn't enough time to do the research and put quotes together.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve Resolution 23-23.

**Resolution 23-24:**

Mr. Feeley: Presented Resolution 23-24 – "Be It Moved and Voted by the Community Preservation Committee that the sum of Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$692,293) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund in FY24 to pay the annual Maple Hill Land and Schmitt Farm Bond debt service."

The Committee unanimously approved resolution 23-24 with a 6-0 vote.

**Resolution 23-25**

<u>Source</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Open Space and Recreation Reserve	Fletcher St. Playground – ADA Accessibility	\$150,000
Open Space and Recreation Reserve	Beaver Street Challenge Course	\$150,000
Open Space and Recreation Reserve	Nason Street Tot Lot	\$25,000

**Recommended Amount \$325,000**

Mr. Feeley: Presented Resolution 23-25 “Be It Moved and Voted by the Community Preservation Committee that the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Reserves in the amounts and for the projects indicated above in fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.”

A vote was taken for each Source and the Committee voted unanimously for each one.

The Committee then unanimously approved Resolution 24-25.

Mr. Feeley: Thanked Mr. Jette for his diligent and hard work on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Simarrian added his thanks.

Mr. Feeley: the April 4, 2023, meeting is cancelled. The May meeting is still on the calendar.

Mr. Hellen: The application process is now on a rolling basis and the Committee can meet and approve of new projects. The King Street design is still a work in progress. The Old South Church has been purchased by Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Jette: Work for the Nason Street Tot Lot will begin on April 4, 2023.

Mr. Hellen: Ceremonial events will be scheduled for the Tot Lot, the Brick School, and Schmitt Farm. The town should be made aware of the progress of the Community Preservation Committee. The D.P.W. will make signs for each project.

Mr. Simarrian: Thanked Mr. Hellen for his help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monique Doyle

Clerk, Franklin, MA, Community Preservation Committee