

Groveland Community Preservation Committee
January 9, 2023 Minutes

TOWN OF GROVELAND
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Present: M Dempsey, E Watson, J Naves, J Bogiages, L Friel, J Scanlon
Guests: R Oldham, C. Walsh

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Motion to open the meeting at 5:35 by Dempsey, Sec by Watson
Introduction of 2023 process Dempsey reviewed the process we will use to review and recommend 2023 projects.

Review of 2023 Proposals to check if they meet CPA requirements.

Dempsey gave an overview of each of the 11 proposals received for funding this year and handed out a summary sheet. All the proposals meet the requirements for CPA funding.

Presentations on 3 proposals

Washington Hall Parking and Hydroseeding

Friel explained that supplemental funds are being requested to complete the landscaping and parking lot at Washington Hall approved initially in 2018. A top coat of asphalt will be needed and hydroseeding the bare soil around the lot. The previous project ran out of funds. There is a 10% contingency and money for signage included.

Shanahan Parking

Oldham explained that this is a request for \$550,000 for the Shanahan Field parking lot. It will improve parking in the neighborhood during events at the field. The abutters are on board and one abutter attended the meeting and voiced her approval. Walsh representing the Historic Society also voiced her approval of the plan. The project will improve parking for access to the Community Trail and Elm Square. HP designated spots will be included which under the current design do not exist. Landscaping and better definition of the area are part of the plan along with separating the house on the property from the parking area.

Members discussed the proposal. Two members asked for more details on the plan and if there was any way to reduce the cost.

Maintaining, and Preserving Our Trees

Dempsey explained the request for \$105,000 will be a town-wide project to protect and preserve our historic trees. In particular, Elm Park and Veasey Park will have tree problems addressed and new trees planted. A pilot project at Veasey Park will use new intensive methods to reduce invasive species while encouraging native plants. Also, a tree buffer along Washington St will enhance the border of Veasey Park.

Administrative fund requests

Claire Walsh explained her request for \$1245 administrative funds to pay for the updated security system at Washington Hall.

Motion to approve by Scanlon, sec by Bogiages. Unanimous.

Question by Naves about the costs the Historic Society pays for the building.

Dempsey suggested she prepare a report on the finances for Washington Hall for the town administrator.

Dempsey and Oldham explained a request for \$2250 to pay for half of the appraisal on 114 Center Street parcel that the town may purchase from the church. The appraisal is needed to negotiate a price. About half of the total value covers about 15 acres of open space land. The other half will be paid by the Water Department.

Motion to approve by Scanlon, sec by Bogiages. Unanimous

Minutes from the 2022 meetings

Motion to approve minutes from 2-10-22 and 6-13-22 as submitted by Dempsey, sec by Bogiages. Unanimous.

Committee membership

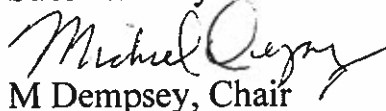
Dempsey explained that we have lost representation from 2 committees assigned by the town's CPA bylaw; Affordable Housing Committee and Open Space and Trails Committee. Discussion by members of possible solutions. We think Affordable Housing Committee should be revived if possible is some passionate volunteers could be found. They could work on the issue with a CPA Administrator we voted to hire. Oldham will prepare a job description for the position and try to find potential members.

Next Meeting will be on Monday February 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm by Bogiages, sec by Watson. Unanimous.

Submitted By:


M Dempsey, Chair