

Groveland Community Preservation Committee
November 1, 2023 Minutes

IN-PERSON AT TOWN HALL
183 Main St, Groveland

Present: Mike Dempsey, Linda Friel, Ed Watson, Jason Naves, DJ McNulty, Kim Jackson

Guests: Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

Motion to open meeting at 7:00 pm by Mike, second by DJ, – Unanimous approval.

1. Membership for 2024 Season

Mike Dempsey – Conservation Commission (current CPC chair)

Ed Watson – Selectmen

Jason Naves – Recreation

Linda Friel – Historic Commission

DJ McNulty – Planning Board

Kim Jackson – Groveland Housing Authority

Kerry Lynn Goodwin – Finance Board

Recreation – Open Space and Trails to be appointed

Affordable Housing – defunct committee

2. Chairperson – Motion to table by Ed, second by Jason, – Unanimous approval.

3. Review CPA purpose – Mike outlined the 4 uses of CPA

The Community Preservation Act is statewide enabling legislation to allow cities and towns to exercise control over local planning decisions. address four core community concerns:

- Acquisition and preservation of open space
- Creation and support of affordable housing
- Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes
- Development of outdoor recreational facilities

A minimum of 10% of the annual revenues of the fund must be used for Open Space, Housing, and Historic Preservation. The remaining 70% can be allocated for any combination of the allowed uses, or for recreational use.

Mike also outlined the CPC, what is our role?

We need to promote Community Preservation to Groveland organizations and encourage proposals from our representative areas.

We review every proposal submitted to make sure it adheres to CPA requirements and make recommendations to town meeting.

4. 2024 Request for Proposals – our document asking for proposals for 2024 was handed out. There were no additions or changes.
5. Review of finances and account status – Mike reviewed the numbers and current status of what is available.

Average home value in Groveland - \$ 578,096

Average annual property tax - \$ 7,590

Average annual CPA tax - \$ 228

Town-wide CPA tax collected - \$ 422,665

State match - 82.5%

State match - \$ 348,605

Total state match received since 2005 - \$3,063,897

Impact of state funds - Every local dollar spent on a project reaps us \$ 1.825 in funding impact.

Number of CPA projects voted at TM – 63

Uncommitted funds on hand through March 2023 –

Open Space -	\$ 559,350
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Historic Preservation -	\$ 74,530
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Community Housing-	\$ 552,695
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General -	\$ 983,309
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Total -	\$2,372,125
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6. Review open projects

Mike and Rebecca went through the list of current open projects.

2023 projects:

2023 Groveland CPA Community Trail UTV	canceled
2023 Groveland-CPA-Lucille's Cottage Phase 2	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Veasey Business Plan	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Parking-Hydroseed Washington Hall	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Cemetery Monument Restoration	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Basketball Washington Park	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Planting, Maintaining, and	In progress

Preserving Our Trees

2023 Groveland CPA Pines Splashpad	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Pines Tennis Pickle Court	In progress
2023 Groveland CPA Pines Skatepark	In progress

Prior years:

Open Space Restrictions – working on Town Forest CR with ECGA
Bagnall Trail Preservation Project – Active trail work
Acquisition of 733 Rear Salem Street – awaiting owner decision
Crosstown Recreational Trail – Active trail work
New Mill Pond Phase 1 – Waiting on surrounding property to survey
Buy Down Program – Groveland Housing Authority
Johnsons Pond Weed Removal Phase 2 – Final alternate method for weed control

7. Discussion of community needs – Mike reminded members that it is OK to advocate for a project in your area of representation. What some of the needs for Housing, Recreation, Historic, and Open Space?

Historic – 46 Washington St, Inventory of Historic Homes, placement of Washington Hall and other historic properties on state or federal registries, Zoning changes for historic homes

Open Space – 119 Center St, Community Trail parking at either end and Baldwin Terrace

Recreation – Connection between Town Hall parking lot and the Pines, Shading at town playgrounds, Shanahan Field parking, Shanahan Field bathroom sewer connection

Housing – Home improvement program, Pines Senior Housing smoking shelter

8. Next meeting – Thursday January 4, 2024, 7:00 pm

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 by DJ, second by Kim, unanimously approved.

Submitted By:



M Dempsey, Chair

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