

**TOWN OF ACTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 14, 2020**

**7:30 PM**

**ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 486 MAIN STREET, ACTON**

**Present:** Ray Yacoub (Chair), Dean Charter (Clerk), Tory Beyer, Nancy Kolb, Steve Trimble, Amy Green, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Bill Alesbury, Walter Foster, and Alissa Nicol (Associate)

**Absent:** Jim Snyder-Grant (Associate)

**Others Present:** Kristen Guichard (Planning), Andrea Ristine (MP Facilities), Selby (Land Use), Danielle Savin (AML Library Director)

Chair Yacoub opened the meeting at 7:31.40 PM

**I. Regular Business**

1. **Citizens' Concerns** – None Expressed
2. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes** – The meeting minutes from the 1/7/20 CPC meeting were reviewed and approved with amendments. Green moved to approve, seconded by Trimble, approved unanimously

**II. New /Special Business**

3. **Initial review & discussion of 2020 CPA project applications** –

**AML Chimney** repointing: Andrea Ristine MP Facilities Supt. Presented the \$70,000 request. Charter suggested that we might add something to replace original brownstone cap that was removed earlier (1980's). Might come back with revised quote. Chimney is functional as it serves the boiler. Last repointing work was done in the late 1980s.

**Davis Monument** repointing: Andrea Ristine MP facilities Supt presented the \$77,000 request, there is a chance of getting \$15,000 in state grant funds. Previous repointing done 15 years ago. Charter speculated that salt spray might be a problem. BOS priority has this project last. Question about contingency and the repetitiveness of request.

**53 River Street:** Peter Hocknell 53 River St. Committee member made the presentation. Discussed back ground of the request. Amount requested has been reduced to \$120,000 for engineering and permitting only. Grants will be pursued. Desire is to remove dam and restore stream to original condition. Foster noted that CPC should not be looked at as the only source of funds. Beyer asked for reassurance that the removal

of the dam will not impact downstream properties. Eventual full cost of the project would be over \$900,000. This initial amount should show good faith with State Dam Safety officials.

4. **Review and Approve Recapture Memo:** Ms. Guichard walked committee through memo explaining the numbers Total of \$54,510 in recaptures, total to spend this year (including interest earnings and state match) is \$1,322,556. Some funds are earmarked for specific allocations. Discussion about contingencies for all projects. Foster moved to approve memo, Trimble second, unanimous.
5. **Administrative Matters and Updates:** Scoring spreadsheet will be available at next meeting. We should begin a general conversation about funding priorities at that time. That meeting will start at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, January 21, at Acton Memorial Library.

### **III. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM by Foster, second by Green, unanimous

### **IV. Documents and exhibits used during this meeting**

- Community Preservation Committee Agenda for January 14, 2020
- Community Preservation Committee Minutes for January 7, 2020
- Community Preservation Fund Application Schedule for 2020
- Project Application for repointing and chimney restoration at Memorial Library - \$70,000
- Letter of support from Historic District Commission for Chimney Restoration project and Davis Monument project
- Letter of support from Memorial Library Trustees for Chimney Restoration project
- Project Application for Isaac Davis Monument repointing - \$77,000
- Letter of support from Acton Historical Commission for Davis Monument project
- Letter of support from VSO MacRae for Davis Monument project
- Memo from Land Use Director reducing request for 53 River Street project
- Powerpoint presentation for 53 River Street park - \$120,000
- Recapture memo dated 1/13/20
- ACHC additional information dated 1/10/20