



Community Preservation Committee Minutes (FINAL)
Tuesday Jan. 28, 2025 at 7 PM
Acton Town Hall

Present: Peter Berry, Tory Beyer, Dean Charter, Jim Colman (chair), Lori Cooney (clerk), Michele Ellicks, Jon Cappetta, Jaclyn Saltzman, Lees Stunts

Absent: Steve Trimble (vice chair)

Others Present: Town employees: Kaila Sauer, Nate Ryan (Assistant Planner), Acton resident Joe Will, plus presenters

Regular Business - Jim Colman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Residents' concerns - none

Review and approve minutes from previous meeting- Lees Stunts made a motion to approve. Jon Cappetta seconded to unanimous approval.

Administrative Updates & Reports - none

New/Special Business
Presentations

Town of Acton - Acton Library Preservation Assessment & Collection Identification

Kerri Darsey and Maria Palacio presented \$9,063 ask to hire a preservation specialist to help them figure out how best to handle hundreds of pieces of Acton history now stored at the library. Acton does not have an archivist. The money will pay for collection assessment and report. Staff does not expect the report to generate a new and big budget item. They are expecting best practices and storage recommendations.

Town of Acton - Antique Fire Apparatus Restoration

Fire Chief Anita Arnum, Lt Brent Carter, Capt Robert Smith, Ben Kendrick were there to present need to restore two fire engines that have been in service to the town since 1936. Ask- \$200,000 to make them mechanically sound and restore to original finishes. The engines are used in parades and December Santa ride, plus staff weddings.

Hosmer House - Window Repair, Repairing, and Selected Interior Painting - Bob Pion presented ask for \$17,666 to repair 49 windows and paint interior of Hosmer House, which was built in 1760. The windows are in the house, barn and library. The painting would be in various areas of the house.

RH Adhesives - Fire Suppression Upgrades

Owner Mike Carpenter asked for CPC for \$97,786 to help pay for connection to town water supply to upgrade fire suppression system for a 1835 building at 308 Old High Street. The building is the last remaining original industrial manufacturing business in Acton. Mike has (or will) spend \$200-300K on fire suppression (floor, ceiling, paint, blast-windows etc), but is asking for CPC money to help hook up to town water. He has support letters from Historical Comm and Econ Development). Note: suppression doesn't make business more money. It keeps employees and neighbors safe in case of fire.

Theatre III - Stabilization and Historic Preservation of Building Exterior - Diane Zimmerman and several members of Theatre III leadership presented 2025 ask of \$132K to pay to get the building watertight. (Fix rotted areas, paint... they will also do some interior work because they said they will fix back stairway). Theater III said it will be back in 2026 asking for \$241K for health improvements and green initiative as well as 2027 for a new roof with estimated cost of \$121K.

Review recapture memo and vote to recapture unused project funds III. Tory Beyer made a motion to recapture \$2,526.85 from NARA sports pavilion. It was seconded by Michele Ellicks to unanimous approval. Note: this is a new amount coming back from this project following a typo last month.

Administrative Matters and Updates

Next Meeting Dates

February 11 - Presentations, Historic Project Updates, review CPC Town report

February 25 - Project Deliberation

March 11 - Project Deliberation, Open Space Project

Lori Cooney made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Jon Cappetta seconded to unanimous approval.

Updates Additional materials can be found here: <https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-18804>