

24 January 2019
53 River Street Master Planning Committee Meeting
Acton Town Hall Building, Room 204, 8:00PM

53 River St Committee members present:

Peter Berry
Bill Alesbury
Lou York
Peter Hocknell
John Cook

53 River St Committee members absent:

Bill Klauer
Bob Whittlesey
Don Boyle

Several members attended a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Mr. Alesbury is also a member of the CPC; and Mr. Berry is both the Chairman of the 53 River Street Master Planning Committee and the Board of Selectman sitting on the CPC.

Committee member Lou York presented the committee's application for \$75,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for analyses relating to options for the dam on the property, such as a breach feasibility study; as well as a cultural resource inventory of the property.

Questions from the CPC members included whether additional CPA funds would be sought in the future. Mr. Berry and Mr. Alesbury replied that it was possible, but that other state and federal funding sources would also be sought.

The CPC discussed that the best CPA designation category for this project is *Recreation* because it is most likely that some portion of the property will become a park. It's possible that no historical remnants of the dam or mill can be saved due to safety. Therefore, *Historical Preservation* is not the right choice. Since the property was not purchased with CPA Open Space set aside funds, then *Open Space* cannot be the designated CPA category for this project application.

Mr. York's presentation summarized the funding requested:

Funding Requested	
• Phase 1	\$40,000
• Phase 2	\$25,000
• Phase 3 (To be covered by grant funding)	\$TBD
• Cultural Resources Assessment	\$10,000
Total Funding Requested:	\$75,000

The CPC thanked Mr. York for his presentation. There were no further questions or discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Bettina D. Abe, Natural Resources Assistant