

Community Preservation Committee

February 20, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

The meeting was held remotely.

Members Present: Matteo Pangallo, Beth Willson, Clif Read, Elaine Puleo, Henry Geddes

Members Absent: Rita Farrell, Allen Hanson

Public: Mark Rivers, Susan Millinger

1. Review and vote on minutes of January 13, 2025 meeting
Motion to approve: Read second Puleo
Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Read aye, Puleo aye, Geddes aye
Motion passes
2. Questions for grant applicants
 - Historic Gravestone Restoration at West Cemetery –
This was a two season project, these stones were identified previously
 - Lake Wyola Dam Preservation and Repairs
Where does the funding from the state stand? Not a given. So they would like to know what happens if this funding doesn't come through? Normally CPC funding is contingent on other funding, in this case it's the opposite direction – the state grant is contingent on our CPC funding.
 - Historic Town Common Guideboard Foundation
Will this be placed in the same location? - being moved 4-8 feet from current location to help alleviate the issue of road damage (snow removal etc). Suggestion to have a metal roof instead of shingling
 - Historic Town Common Guideboard Restoration, Phase Two
 - South Brook Conservation Area Trail Repair, one-year project option
These two South Brook applications are the same but one (obviously) doing this work in one year – possibly cheaper to do it all at once – mostly because of mobilization. This doesn't include improve parking. Signage could help with denoting where the parking could be.
 - South Brook Conservation Area Trail Repair, two-year project option – see above.
 - Top of the Lake Conservation Area Invasive Plant Management
Straight forward, no real questions
3. Review and vote on Amherst Regional High School track & field project Grant Agreement
Motion to issue the grant agreement: Willson, second Read
Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Read aye, Puleo aye, Geddes aye
Motion passes
4. Unanticipated business

Barbara Carulli (Leverett) would like to discuss pooling resources to have FRCOG designate an affordable housing coordinator to help us actually create affordable housing in our towns. Does this position qualify for CPA funding?

Motion to adjourn: Read, second Geddes

Pangallo aye, Willson aye, Read aye, Puleo aye, Geddes aye

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:01

Future meetings for FY2025

March 6, 2025 Tentative meeting to ask further questions of Applicants

March 20, 2025 Meeting to discuss and vote on Applications

April 3, 2025 Meeting to draft and vote on warrant articles

May 15, 2025 Meeting to draft and vote on grant agreements