

**Nahant Community Preservation Committee  
Monday February 21, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Lynne Spencer: Chair**

**Paul Spirn: Secretary**

**Ellen Goldberg**

**Austin Antrim**

**David Wilson**

**Nancy Cantelmo**

**James Dolan**

**Attendance: All Remote**

Lynne Spencer (LS)

Paul Spirn (PS)

Ellen Goldberg (EG)

Austin Antrim (AA)

Nancy Cantelmo (NC)

James (Jimmy) Dolan (JD)

**Absent:**

David Wilson

**Other:**

Julie Tarmy (Advisory and Finance Committee)

**\*\*Disclaimer\*\*** There is a person who identifies themselves as “Kristin Taylor” at the beginning of this meeting. There was no address given and the person only joined with audio. This person was not Kristin Taylor from the Town Hall.

**Lynne Spencer:** Opened the Community Preservation Committee meeting on Monday February 21, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

**AA:** Made a motion to accept the Community Preservation Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2022

**NC:** Seconded

**Roll call vote:**

**LS:** yes

**PS:** yes

**EG:** yes

**AA:** yes

**JD:** yes

**NC:** yes

**AA:** Made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from January 10, 2022

**EG:** seconded

**Roll call vote:**

**PS:** yes

**EG:** yes

**AA:** yes

**JD:** abstained, was not present at that meeting

**NC:** yes

**LS:** yes

**Update of CPC Grant Applications:**

**LS:** Shared screen and showed chart of all the FY23 CPC grant applications that were submitted along with project cost, category, match, quality of application.

Each member of the CPC will take on 2 projects to delve into and bring findings back to group. We will then schedule meetings with applicant themselves.

Recommendations will go to Fincom in early April so they can have their input and have it ready for town warrant.

**Nahant Historical Society and Nahant Preservation Trust Application:**

JD to oversee these two applications and will have an update soon

**Nahant Village Church Application:**

**PS:** Shared screen to show plans for Nahant Village Church Application. The objective is to make both entrances handicap accessible. The current walkways/paths will be regraded and replaced and the stone deck revised to meet one another without a riser from the sidewalk to the church entry. Requesting up to \$50K and they can put up \$10K from public pledges.

**EG:** Will the courts allow public funds to be spent on church renovations even if it is a historic building.

**LS:** You can use CPC funding on historic church buildings so long as the funds don't fund liturgical aspects nor the operating basis of the congregation. In the past the CPC funding has been given to this church for slate roof repairs.

**PS:** Important to note in the grant that the church has made itself readily available for non-religious and non sectarian activities.

**Johnson School-Heritage Trail**

**PS:** Shared screen to show map of current heritage trail. This project is to upgrade the portion of trail that runs from Flash Road behind the Johnson School to the Coast Guard Housing. I have concerns with current drainage on parts of the trail near the ball fields, as well as the safety of walkers and bike riders near the DPW/Fire parking lot. It might be advisable to get a landscape architect to come up with a professional plan.

**9 Little Nahant Road & Housing Production Plan:**

David Wilson is overseeing these two applications. He is not present tonight to give an overview.

**Town Hall Stage Curtain and Main Hall Window Curtain**

**AA:** I went over application with Tony Barletta. The application has been updated from a \$15,000 request to \$100,000 request. The Town had a few studies done. One was a lighting assessment; the town received a grant to upgrade town buildings with LED lights. The Town held off on upgrading lighting in the main hall knowing that the lights that were part of that grant would not be historically appropriate in that space. The firm, Available Light made some recommendations for light fixtures, a total of 8 fixtures in the main hall, not including the stage. Design, installation and a range of cost for

fixtures are included in the application. There was a sound and acoustic study done to improve sound quality which includes adding stage and window curtains, sound panels on ceiling/wall.

#### **Library/Town Hall Exterior Improvements and Greenlawn Cemetery Wall and Archway**

**AA:** Last year Town Meeting approved 500K for Library/TH/Greenlawn cemetery work. A supplementary 50k grant was obtained from the State by the Library. The Town put the bid out as a base bid with 4 alternates. The bid was awarded but the 550k only covers the base bid and alternates 1 and 2. Alternate 3 is the work for the TH cupola, alternate 4 is for the TH chimney. The total ask for this grant is 350K. The town is hoping if awarded they can have the company they awarded the base bid to, complete alternates 3 and 4. Any additional money left over would go towards the Greenlawn Cemetery Arch Way and Wall.

#### **Playground Equipment Upgrades**

**NC:** Met with Tony Barletta and Kristin Taylor. The plan is for all playgrounds in town to be evaluated. The town has worked with New England Recreation Company in the past. The town can give the company various areas that need upgrades and they give you options for equipment. The town will set up meetings with the neighbors near individual playgrounds for their feed back and will try to enlist volunteers to assist installation in order to save money. This application needs more work from the Town including where and how the money will be spent.

**LS:** We will review more CPC applications at the next meeting.

**PS:** Moved to adjourn the meeting

**EG:** seconded

**All in favor:** PS, JD, EG, NC, LS, AA

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm on Monday February 21, 2022.3.14**

**Respectfully submitted as approved at March 14, 2022 CPC meeting by Paul Spirn , Secretary.**