Town of Nahant

Community Preservation Committee



Grant Application FY 2024

<u>Applicant:</u>	Application Purpose:
Applicant's address and phone number: TOWN OF NAHANT 334 NAHANT RD ANTONIO BARLETTA 781 5819927 Town committee or board (if applicable):	 (please select all that apply) Ξ Open Space Community Housing Historic Preservation Recreation

1) **Project Name**: Right of Ways – Continued documentation and recovery

2) Project Description: The Town has been working for many years to document Right of Ways throughout the community and to recover them if necessary and possible. There are existing unused funds for a phase of this purpose previously authorized by the Community Preservation Committee. The Town would like to retain such funds as it continues to make efforts in Little Nahant now that many of those Right of Ways have been surveyed and await progress of the next phase. This application would be for funding to make similar progress but for Right of Ways in "big" Nahant.

The Town has traditionally approached this issue in a phased approach. Phase 1 is the title research phase that would utilize professional services to perform the research of ownership and description of parcels. Phase 2 is the land survey phase that would utilize professional services to apply the information collected in Phase 1 and perform on-site survey procedures to confirm the location of parcels. Phase 3 is a case-by-case approach of developing a plan, if necessary and possible, on how to recover and re-establish the right of way for the enjoyment of all residents.

The Town of Nahant has accomplished Phase 1 for all of the right of ways in Little Nahant, accomplished Phase 2 for all of the coastal accessing right of ways in Little Nahant, and has begun Phase 3 for most of the coastal accessing right of ways in Little

Nahant. We hope to utilize the existing unspent CPC funds for Phase 3 in Little Nahant on some of the coastal accessing right of ways as we make progress with legal proceedings and make improvements in other coastal accessing right of ways that don't require legal proceedings.

This application would fund Phase 1, possibly some of Phase 2 for the right of ways in "big" Nahant. Additionally, the Town would like to create an interactive map or GIS layer of all right of ways that could be incorporated to our website for improved user accessibility.

3) Grant Amount Requested: \$20,000

4) Contribution to the preservation Nahant's unique character:

So many of the right of ways in Nahant date back to Nahant's traditional characteristic of a summer beach cottage community. Maintaining documentation of these parcels will ensure their existence for future years and recovering them will restore access rights to the residents of Nahant.

5) **Planning Context**: Is the project part of a general Town planning study (e.g. Open Space and Recreational Plan, Master Plan etc.)? If so, when was the plan prepared and who has approved the plan?

Is <u>NOT</u> part of a Program Plan

X Is part of a Program Plan prepared on _____ and approved by Open Space Plan

6) Evaluation Criteria: Provide a brief description of how this project meets as many of the selection criteria as may be applicable. <u>Refer to Selection Criteria attached as</u> Appendix A (Page 10).

I will copy and paste the criteria that apply and provide responses:

• How will the proposed project contribute to the preservation of Nahant's unique character and enhance our quality of life?

-So many of the right of ways in Nahant date back to Nahant's traditional characteristic of a summer beach cottage community. Maintaining documentation of these parcels will ensure their existence for future years and recovering them will restore access rights to the residents of Nahant.

• Is the proposed project consistent with town planning documents that have received wide input and scrutiny?

-The most recent Open Space and Recreational Plan sited the importance of maintaining record and preserving access for residents.

• Is the proposed project feasible?

-Yes. It is not a simple project and requires a phased approach. The Board of Selectmen would like to charge a current or future committee with the sole purpose of seeing that progress is made on each of these phases.

- How "time sensitive" is the project? Is it urgent?
 -Continuing to make progress on this project is important to its ultimate success. It's time sensitivity isn't tied to a certain date but more so tied to the ongoing defense of encroachments and need to restore parcels that may have been lost over time.
- Does the project have demonstrated community support?

 It was mentioned multiple times during the community input portion of the development of the Open Space and Recreational Plan. It has also been approved as a CPC project at previous Annual Town Meetings. To date, multiple committees, boards, and Town Administrators have added to previous progress milestones.
- Will the project preserve currently owned town assets? -Yes. It will help preserve owned assets and will help recover owned assets that have been encroached on.

7) Estimated Cost and Schedule:

Attach cost estimates for construction projects and state how costs were derived.

		Single Year Projects - Anticipate				
Project	Fiscal	Stipend	Professional	Total of CPC	Other	Total
Timeline	Year*	Request	Services	Funds Requested	Funding	Cost
		Guideline			Sources	
		#3				
	2024		20,000	20,000		20,000
Sub	Totals					
			1		Total	20,000

If your project is expected to continue over **more than one year**, detail the project's cost on the following chart (explanation may be attached on a separate sheet).

		Multiple Year Projects - Anticipated Costs				
Project	Fiscal	Stipend	Professional	Total of CPC	Other	Total
Timeline	Year*	Request	Services	Funds	Funding	Cost
		Guideline #3		Requested	Sources	
Prior year						
First year						
2nd year						
3rd year						
4th year						
Sub Totals						
Project Total						

* **Note:** The fiscal year begins on July 1 of a given year and ends on June 30 of the following year.

Other Funding Sources: Include total amount and all funding sources including any potential grants or gifts. List all sources approached even if denied funds.

	List of independent funding sources			
	Funding Source	Amount of Grant / Gift		
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
	Total			

8) For Acquisition projects, attach appraisals and agreements, if available. Please indicate name of present owner and attach a copy of most recent deed. In addition to property address, please provide Nahant assessor's office identification (Map, Block and Lot number).

9) Coordination: If the project is dependent upon one or more other projects, identify them and indicate what the relationship(s) are among the projects. If the project is not dependent upon, but should be linked to one or more other projects, identify them and indicate the proposed relationship.

10) Previous Town Meeting Action: If the project has previously been included in the Warrant of a Town Meeting, indicate the year, warrant article number, and Town Meeting action.

See above. There were funds appropriated for previous efforts related to right of ways. This application is for funding to expand on such efforts.

11) Project Priority: If you are submitting applications for more than one project, indicate the priority of this project recognizing that your most important project may not be needed or be ready for action until two or three years from now.

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12) Time Sensitivity: Describe any time sensitive critical issues that may impact the ability to protect the resource or otherwise impact schedule and/or grant making decisions.

13) Contingency Planning: What are the consequences if CPA funding is not available for the current fiscal year? Describe alternate plans for temporary stabilization, long term solution.

If this application is not approved, the Town will continue to make progress on Little Nahant ROWs and apply for this funding again next year.

APPENDIX A TOWN OF NAHANT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Community Preservation Committee requires that all proposed projects be eligible for CPA funding according to the requirements described in the state's CPA statute. In addition, the following questions include the criteria, as applicable, that the Committee will use to assess proposed projects.

- How will the proposed project contribute to the preservation of Nahant's unique character and enhance our quality of life?
- Is the proposed project consistent with town planning documents that have received wide input and scrutiny?
- Is the proposed project feasible?
- How "time sensitive" is the project? Is it urgent?
- Is the cost of this project proportionate to its objectives?
- In general, will the project serve multiple needs?
- Specifically, will the project serve more than one CPA category (*i.e.* affordable housing, open space, historic preservation or recreation)?
- Does the project have demonstrated community support?
- Will the project preserve currently owned town assets?
- Will the project involve the acquisition and/or protection of threatened resources?
- Will the project involve multiple sources of funding, or will it leverage other public and/or private funding sources or in-kind services?
- If multiple sources of funding are involved, are commitments from other sources documented?
- Will this project stimulate other public/private projects in Nahant?

As the law requires, Town Meeting must approve all Community Preservation Committee funding recommendations.

For Community Preservation Committee Use

Received on:

Associated Town Committee:

Reviewed on:

Determination: