



## MINUTES

Meeting of: Town of Hadley – Community Preservation Committee

Date/Time: August 21, 2023 / 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Members:	Mary Thayer, Chair	Diane Kieras-Ciolkos	Ray Mieczkowski
	Mark Dunn, Secretary	Andy Klepacki	Andy Morris-Friedman
		Denise Barstow Manz	Risë Smythe-Freed

Public: Paul Kozub

Public Audience: Adam Bourgault, Edwin Matuszko

Absent: None (one at large representative position still vacant)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. MT called the meeting to order at 7:00 with more than a quorum. We started with a round of member introductions as Ray Mieczkowski (for Conservation Commission) joined for his first CPC meeting.
2. MT presented the Treasurer's Report, highlights being \$6,550 in the Historic set aside, \$258,339 in the Housing set aside, \$30,500 in the Open Space set aside, \$1,799,957 available in General for an Available subtotal of \$2,095,346. There was \$1,408,960 reserved for expenditures, giving a Total balance of \$3,504,306.
3. A motion for the slate of officers for the CPC was made, seconded and a vote was taken for Mary Thayer, chair; Andy Morris-Friedman vice Chair; Mark Dunn secretary. The treasurer position is open. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.
4. Paul Kozub of Saint John's Realty Trust presented his application for rehabilitation work on 145 Russell Street, the former St. John's Church building. A discussion of the application followed. Paul's application will be voted on at the next CPA meeting. Paul is meeting with the Historical Commission to ask for a letter of recommendation for the project.
5. A motion was made, seconded and a vote was taken to recommend extending by two years the time allowed for CPA funds to be spent on the town hall pillars project approved at the 2018 ATM and the town hall pillars project approved at the 2021 STM. The vote passed unanimously 8-0-0.

6. A motion was made, seconded and a vote was taken to recommend extending by one year the time allowed for CPA funds to be spent on the Hockanum Fence project approved at the 2021 ATM. The vote passed unanimously 8-0-0
7. A motion was made, seconded and a vote was taken to recommend clawing back the \$ 1,220.00 in funds reserved for the water testing project approved at the 2020 ATM. The funds are to be returned to the undesignated fund. The vote passed unanimously 8-0-0.
8. A quick update was given regarding the outstanding approved projects that are receiving CPA funds.
9. AM-F gave an update on changes at the Community Preservation Coalition. Third Sector New England, Inc. is now the organization sponsoring the Coalition. AM-F is the only representative west of Worcester on the advisory committee for the Coalition.
10. MT will send around a list of questions to think about for a discussion on how to make the CPC and the CPA process better. MT thanked AM-F for providing the list.
11. MT suggested working on an FAQ section for the CPC page on the town website.
12. MT suggested having a public hearing before our Sept 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, to fulfill our responsibility under the town's CPA bylaw. The meeting notice would need to be posted in the Gazette Sept 4 and Sept 11. It was agreed to do this.
13. The next CPA meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 by Zoom.
14. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and the motion carried 8-0-0, ending the meeting at 8:37 PM.

❖ Minutes are recorded as understood by the CPC Chair. Please share comments or corrections before or by adoption of minutes at next scheduled CPC meeting.