

**Community Preservation Committee  
March 8, 2023  
Hybrid Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT**

Joseph Sheehan (In person)  
Catherine Walsh (In person)  
Julie Barbour-Issa (In person)  
Cheryl Doyle (In person)  
Maria Gallesyan (Remote)  
Joseph Greeley (In person)  
Patricia Griffin Starr (Remote)  
John Hall (Remote)  
Matt Lane (In person)

Kristen Phelps, Community Preservation Coordinator (In person)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Bill Plasko, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (In person)  
Toni Eosco, Morse House Subcommittee member (Remote)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the February 8 and February 22, 2023 meetings made by Cheryl Doyle. Motion seconded by Matt Lane.

Roll Call Vote:

Matt Lane: **Aye**  
John Hall: **Aye**  
Patricia Griffin Starr: **Aye**  
Joe Greeley: **Aye**  
Maria Gallesyan: **Aye**  
Cheryl Doyle: **Aye**  
Julie Barbour-Issa: **Aye**  
Catherine Walsh: **Aye**  
Joseph Sheehan: **Aye**

**Result: 9-0-0 (Approved)**

**MORSE HOUSE CPA APPLICATIONS- REVIEW & DISCUSSION**

Joseph Sheehan pointed out that the public hearing for this item would take place on March 22, 2023.

The Morse House Subcommittee is requesting \$10,000 in CPA funding to facilitate an application to list the Morse House on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, \$192,000 in CPA funding is being sought to rehabilitate the exterior of the building.

Mr. Sheehan stated that having the house on the National Register of Historic Places may help them in the long run with their restoration project. Cheryl Doyle pointed out that registering the home could take up to two years, and restoring the exterior was urgently needed to preserve the building.

Several members noted their support for both projects, but understood that the public hearings would need to occur prior to a vote on whether to recommend these funding requests to Annual Town Meeting.

Joe Greeley wondered who would oversee/manage the exterior rehabilitation project and inquired about the eventual use of the Morse House once the project is completed. Bill Plasko – Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and member of the Morse House Sub Committee – replied that the project would be managed by the General Manager in cooperation with the Purchasing and Facilities departments. The “endgame” for this project has not been set in stone, but the recommendation made was to continue using the property for small meetings and functions. Chairman Plasko added that occupancy in the building has been limited to about 17-25 people.

Maria Gallesyan pointed out the potential for the house to become a cultural/educational space which could offer tours and other opportunities for people to gather and learn about the history of Norwood.

### **DRAFT WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Kristen Phelps shared the draft warrant articles for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting with the group. Similar to the 2022 warrant, there will be three articles, with the last article containing individual motions for each of the projects the CPC votes to recommend.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Joe Greeley shared the monthly financial report. There were no significant updates since the last report. He requested that Accounting be asked to change the project name for the “Saint Street Lot - Riverfront Park” construction to “Bernie Cooper Park”.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Joseph Sheehan provided an update on the Lower Alevisos Pavilion. The addition of parking spots and the installation of an ADA accessible path from the street to the pavilion remain outstanding due to the work that the State is undertaking on Route 1A.

A status update on the Lower Balch/Eliot Field project will be discussed with the new Recreation Superintendent. The funds remaining in the budget for this project were intended to cover the cost of installing an ADA accessible ramp; however, under the current economic circumstances, the cost of this element increased beyond the funding available.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting made by Cheryl Doyle, seconded by Patricia Griffin Starr.

Roll Call Vote:

Catherine Walsh: **Aye**

Julie Barbour-Issa: **Aye**

Cheryl Doyle: **Aye**

Maria Gallesyan: **Aye**

Joe Greeley: **Aye**

Patricia Griffin Starr: **Aye**

John Hall: Aye  
Matt Lane: Aye  
Joseph Sheehan: Aye

**RESULT: 9-0-0 (Approved)** The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Emily Manning