

**Community Preservation Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2023**

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk's Office, Concord's Community Preservation Committee held a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 using the Zoom meeting platform. The meeting had a delayed start time of 7:50 due to Town-wide technical difficulties with the Zoom platform which prevented meetings from happening simultaneously and limited the timeframe for meetings.

Committee members present: Diane Proctor, Chair; Andrew Boardman; Burton Flint; Sarah Grimwood; Eve Isenberg; Nancy Nelson; Charles Phillips.

Others Present: Linda Escobedo, Select Board Liaison; Ann Clifford, Senior Planner

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**2. Annual Meeting Warrant Articles**

The committee reviewed Draft Warrant Article XX as follows:

*To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,839,680, or any other sum, from the Concord Community Preservation Fund, of which up to \$1,839,680 shall be appropriated from projected Fiscal Year 2024 Fund Revenues, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager as follows:*

*A Town of Concord – Regional Housing Services Office Community Housing \$33,000; Total \$33,000*

*B Concord Housing Development Corp. – Assabet River Bluff Housing Development Community Housing \$500,000; Total \$500,000*

*C Town of Concord – Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Open Space \$25,000, Recreation \$25,000; Total \$50,000*

*D Town of Concord – Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Open Space \$47,725; Recreation \$47,725; Total \$95,450*

*E Town of Concord – Warner’s Pond Restoration Project Open Space \$275,000; Recreation \$275,000; Total \$550,000*

*F Town of Concord – Cemetery Restoration Historic Preservation \$340,000; Total \$340,000*

*G Town of Concord – Civil War Soldier’s Monument Historic Preservation \$165,000; Total \$165,000*

*H Town of Concord – Historic Preservation Plan Historic Preservation \$50,000; Total \$50,000*

*I Town of Concord – Preservation of Historic Plans Historic Preservation \$16,230; Total \$16,230*

*J Staff and Technical Support Administration \$40,000; Total \$40,000*

*Total \$1,839,680 or take any other action relative thereto.*

Ms. Nelson moved to accept the Warrant Article as written. Mr. Flint seconded the motion, which passed unanimously in a roll call vote (7-0).

The committee reviewed Draft Warrant Article YY as follows:

*To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,044,255.76, or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Act Community Housing Reserve Fund, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44B, to be expended under the direction of the Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust and to appropriate that amount for the purpose of assisting with the development of affordable community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.*

Mr. Phillips moved to accept the Warrant Article as written. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously in a roll call vote (7-0).

The committee reviewed Draft Warrant Article ZZ as follows:

*To determine whether the Town will vote to rescind prior appropriations in the sum of \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Fund, appropriated at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the Junction Village Open Space project and to appropriate that amount to the CPC Open Space Reserve Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.*

Ms. Nelson moved to accept the Warrant Article as written. Dr. Grimwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously in a roll call vote (7-0).

### **3. Review Draft CPC Procedures Manual**

Mr. Phillips pointed out that the Annual Town Meeting dates on page 13 should be updated to 2024. Ms. Nelson moved to accept the CPC Procedures Manual as written with the amendments just described. Ms. Isenberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously in a roll call vote (7-0).

### **4. Other Business**

Dr. Grimwood moved to accept the minutes of October 26, 2022 and November 29, 2022 as written. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Chair Proctor noted a recent controversy in Acton where a member of a public committee was removed from their position by the Select Board as a result of intolerant personal opinions posted on social media.

Ms. Escobedo praised the group for their good humor and flexibility.

### **7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes Approved on: March 21, 2023