

Town of Ayer
Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA 01432
Minutes for 12/7/2022

Location: Remote Meeting via Zoom, accessible to public, due to ongoing pandemic

Members present: Janet Providakes, Chair (Housing Authority); Julie Murray, Vice-Chair (Planning Board); Beth Suedmeyer (At Large); Barry Schwarzel (Historical Commission); Jess Gugino, Clerk (Conservation Commission); Jason Mayo (Parks & Recreation); Colleen Krieser (At Large/Affordable Housing Trust)

APAC taped: Yes

7:00 PM – Open Meeting

- **Confirmation of Agenda**

- B. Schwarzel moved to confirm the agenda as posted; C. Krieser 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote 7-0.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- B. Suedmeyer moved to accept minutes for 10/5/2022 as corrected; J. Murray 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote 7-0.
- B. Suedmeyer moved to accept minutes for 11/2/2022 as amended; C. Krieser 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote 7-0.

- **Correspondence / Invoices**

- None received.

- **Public Participation**

- None received.

CURRENT/OLD BUSINESS

- The Ayer Public Library Digitization of *The Public Spirit/Nashoba Valley Voice* project (\$25,000, STM 2022) is proceeding with some newspapers now digitized and available on the web.
- A sign indicating funding from CPC has now been put up at Norton Athletic field (Ayer Shirley Regional School District Athletic Field Project, \$300,000, FTM 2021).
- The Howtizer cannon has now been removed from the front of Town Hall for restoration (Ayer Howitzer Restoration Project \$32,232, FTM 2022).

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Planning Board (J. Murray)

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1. Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote 7-0.

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(Ayer Playhouse Restoration Project \$23,152.41 PM 2013)
The Shaker School has now been moved from the front of 1000 Main St. to the
Shaker Regional School District \$200,000.00 PM 2013)
A sign indicating funding from CIM has now been put up at Sharon Athletic Field (Ayer
on the web
(\$23,000.00 2/1/2013) is proceeding with some new projects now digitized and available
The Ayer Public Library Digitization of the Ayer Public Library is a project
2 (UNREVIEWED) BUDGETS

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- The Board approved the preliminary plan for the proposed Stratton Hill subdivision.
 - Shop & Save recently received approval for a site plan modification.
- Conservation Commission (J. Gugino)
 - Not having met recently, nothing new to report.
- Affordable Housing Trust (C. Krieser)
 - Nothing new to report but will be meeting next week and continues to work on revising guidelines for the Rental Assistance Program.
- Housing Authority (J. Providakes)
 - The Affordable Housing Committee is reviewing ways to suggest revisions to the Zoning Bylaws for affordable housing requirements.
 - The Housing Authority has not met recently.
- Historical Commission (B. Schwarzel)
 - With the Inventory project now complete, the Commission is considering what to focus on next, perhaps resurrecting the oral history project.
- Open Space (B. Suedmeyer)
 - The public meeting for the Ayer/Devens Pocket Forest Planting Project at Ayer Town Hall on Nov. 16 was well attended.
 - Site visits to potential locations in Ayer will take place on Dec. 17, meeting at the parking lot across from St. Mary's at 10 a.m.
 - Site visits to potential locations in Devens take place Saturday, Dec. 10.
 - The goal is to plant a pilot project next year, with plantings at additional locations to take place in following years.
- Parks & Recreation (J. Mayo)
 - Pirone Park Playground Project (Remediation, Removal, and Reconstruction of Kiddie Junction) (\$400,000, STM 2022):
 - The old Kiddie Junction playground has now been removed along with a number of trees, and remediation of the site will be starting next.
 - The Parks Department recently learned that a time capsule was buried on the site in 1989, when Kiddie Junction first went up, and they are attempting to locate it.
 - Given the economy and cost increases, they are seeking updated pricing information in the next few weeks from DATA for the next phases of the project.
 - Since additional outside grant opportunities don't look promising, Parks will likely be applying for additional funding for the next phase/s from CPC at Spring Town Meeting 2023.



Town of Ayer
Community Development Committee
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- o The Board approved the preliminary plan for the proposed Common Hill subdivision.
- o Shop & Save recently received approval for a plan modification.
- o Conservation Commission (C. Quinn)
- o Not having met recently, meeting now to report.
- o Affordable Housing Trust (C. Kinross)
- o Meeting now to report but will be meeting now, work and continues to work on revising guidelines for the Rental Assistance program.
- o Housing Authority (A. Provost)
- o The Affordable Housing Committee is exploring ways to suggest increasing the zoning bylaws for affordable housing and income.
- o The Housing Authority has not met recently.
- o Historical Commission (B. St. Lawrence)
- o With the inventory project now complete, the Commission is considering when to focus on next, perhaps resuming a local history project.
- o Open Space (B. St. Lawrence)
- o The public meeting for the Ayer Woods Project, Open Space Project in Ayer, Town Hall on Nov. 16 was well attended.
- o Site visits to potential locations in Ayer will take place on Dec. 17.
- o Meeting at the planning for access from St. Michaels in 10 a.m.
- o Site visits to potential locations in Deyers take place Saturday, Dec. 10.
- o The goal is to plant a pilot project next year, with planting in additional locations to take place in following years.
- o Parks & Recreation (J. McVoy)
- o Pine Brook Playground Project: Rehabilitation, Removal, and Reconstruction of (this function) (\$400,000, \$12,000,000, \$12,000,000)
- o The old Kildine playground has been moved along with a number of new and some addition of the site with the existing area.
- o The Park Department recently learned that a time capsule was buried on the site in 1984 when Kildine Junction first went up and are attempting to locate it.
- o Given the economy and cost increases they are seeking updated pricing information in the next few weeks from DATA for the next phase of the project.
- o Since additional outside grant opportunities don't look promising, Parks will likely be applying for additional funding for the next phase's work.

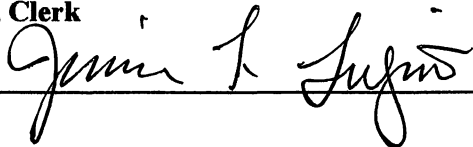


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- If so, an application should be made to CPC in February in order to have sufficient time to review and hold the required Public Hearing before STM in April.
- **7:25 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - CPC's Next Meeting: January 4, 2023, 7 p.m.
 - B. Schwarzel moved to adjourn; B. Suedmeyer and C. Krieser tied for seconding the motion.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Jessica G. Gugino, Clerk

Date / Signature Indicating Approval:

1/4/2023 



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 before STM in April.

- This PM - Adjourn Meeting
- CPC's Next Meeting: January 4, 2023, 7 pm
- R. Schwartz moved to adjourn R. Stedman and C. Kinsner tied for seconding
 the motion.
- Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jessica K. O'Brien, Clerk
 1/4/2023

 R. Schwartz