

## Community Preservation Committee Meeting Notes

October 22, 2025

Meeting began at 6 pm.

In Attendance: Hank Horstmann, Louise Beckett, George Forcier, Aimee Anderson, Carolyn Thayer. Guest Michelle Harris

Item # 1. Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.

Item # 2. Michelle Harris, representing the Cemetery Trustees for Howland and Pine Grove Cemetery Association, presented current estimates for the tree removal project at Howland Cemetery.

The Committee discussed the three estimates and the preference of the Howland Cemetery Committee for the estimate of \$69,000 from a trusted contractor. The cemetery committee asked the CPC for 60% of \$69,000, however on further discussion the CPC decided it would be consistent with the community preservation act to cover the entire amount of \$69,000 with the stipulation of a three-year completion deadline. This was acceptable to the cemetery committee.

Motion to vote on proposal to fund the Howland Cemetery tree removal project in the amount of \$69,000., seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair will consult with the town executive to include the recommendation on the warrant for the special town meeting of December 6, 2025.

Item # 3. Return of funds to the unreserved fund category from discontinued or cancelled projects.

Project numbers listed below.

**5853** - \$44,150. Shelburne Falls and 69 Main Street property acquisition proposal.

**5854** - \$15,000. Environmental assessment of 69 Main Street.

**5872** - \$9680.20. South River Flood Study.

Motion to vote on proposal to authorize the town accountant to return above amounts to the unreserved category of CPA funds, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.