

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Notes - 7/17/25

In Attendance: Aimee Anderson, Louise Beckett, Carolyn Thayer, George Forcier, Hank Horstman, Michelle Harris, Jennifer Coliskey

Item #1 - Review and acceptance of minutes.

Item #2 - Discussion of application presented by the Cemetery Association, Michelle Harris and Jennifer Coliskey.

The Cemetery Trustees for Howland and Pine Grove cemeteries request approximately \$80,000 to remove several large trees in the Howland Cemetery in

Conway. The trees are huge and due to age and weather are dropping branches and threatening to fall creating hazardous conditions for visitors and damaging historic graves. The largest part of the expense is due to the equipment needed to gain access to the site and position the equipment to handle the tall trees.

Estimates from three companies have been included in the application but may be out of date by summer 2026.

Committee Discussion: The Committee is generally in favor of the request as properly within the statutory use of CPA funds and beneficial to Conway. Updated estimates were requested to reflect 2026 numbers to be sure the requested funds are adequate for completion of the project. Further discussion and a vote by the CPC can be held closer to the application deadline of November 1st or town meeting if circumstances allow.

Thank you to Michelle Harris and Jennifer Coliskey.

Item #3 - New Business

Field Memorial Library has \$12,000. Of town meeting approved CPA money left over from a previous project to repair the dome. The dome has recently been damaged by a tree falling on it. The library trustees are requesting that the \$12,000 left from the previous project that would be returned to the CPA fund remain in library trustee control to be used to repair the

current damage to the dome. Insurance and cost of repair questions remain to be answered.

The Committee chairperson will consult with the town attorney to determine the legality of the request. A meeting will be scheduled if a vote on the issue is required.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.