

1 Minutes of the Ashland Community Preservation Committee
2 Tuesday May 4, 2021
3 Zoom Online Meeting

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5 In Attendance: Aaron Ladd, Cathy Van Lancker, Joe Rubertone, Devin Cashman, Donna Saul

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7 Guests: Carl Hakansson, Cynthia Eynon, Ed Hart, Robin Hicks

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9 Mr. Ladd called the meeting to order at 7:30.

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11 Regular agenda items did not have updates, so they were tabled to future meetings.
12 Mr. Hakansson presented under new business discussion related to Valentine Estate barn.
13 He indicated that the roof needed immediate repair to prevent collapse and needed a June
14 Town meeting article to approve \$100,000 to help keep on track to avoid damage to the
15 structure. Mr. Hakansson indicated that all funds from original \$100,000 CPC historical
16 preservation funds have been spent and Mr. David Foster, who had been the previous
17 project manager, retired in March.

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19 Mr. Hakansson indicated the project was late in being proposed to the committee because
20 he had been discussing with the town the usage of the property until recently. He estimated
21 that approximately \$100,000 was needed for roof, foundation, and landscaping repairs.
22 Long term he was looking to form a 501c3 to help manage the property.

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24 Mr. Ladd asked who would manage the funding for this allocation and asked that Town
25 staff be included in any application to help oversee bidding and distribution of funds. Ms.
26 Van Lancker commented that the previous purchase of the Valentine property ensured that
27 the land was protected under Mass State Legislature Article 97 land protection. Ms. Saul
28 was hesitant to approve emergency funds for a last-minute project like this. Mr. Ladd asked
29 about Mr. Hakansson ability to talk with the Town about finance committee deadlines and
30 Town warrant articles deadlines for June meeting submission and was hesitant to approve
31 a last-minute project with CPC funds like this application. Mr. Rubertone commented it was
32 important to try and get something done and protect the asset of the Town.

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34 The Committee indicated that to move forward with an official CPC vote for the June Town
35 Meeting, the Committee would need an official CPC application, approval from Town staff
36 to proceed, and an update from the Select Board about who would manage the project in
37 the future. To help make deadlines for the June Town Meeting, the Committee
38 recommended a May 11th meeting to give time for a formal application and review.

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40 Ms. Van Lancker moved to approve the March minutes. Ms. Saul seconded the motion. The
41 motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.

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43 Ms. Van Lancker moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Saul seconded the motion. The motion
44 passed by a vote of 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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46 The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 8:00pm.