

Town of Agawam Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of CPA Meeting
April 28, 2023

Members Present: Henry Kozloski, Richard Maggi, Patrick Asta-Ferrero, Vin Ronghi, Vi Baldwin, Jennifer Bonfiglio; CPA Administrator,

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman Kozloski

1. Application for Funding- 59 High Street: \$5,742.00

David Cecchi, Chair of the Agawam Historical Association presents the application for funding in the amount of \$5,742.00 for the documentation of the Joseph and Malvina Beaumier Confectionery Store & Garage located at 59 High St. in the amount of \$

David states 59 High St. is eligible for national register nomination but no application has been submitted. The owner of the property applied for a demolition permit. The demolition delay permit has recently expired. The Agawam historical commission intends to document the structure and the owner has agreed to wait for documentation to be completed to demolish the building. An estimate from Jablonski Architects is provided to do detailed architectural drawings of the historical store & garage. The scope of work would be to provide drawings and digital files which should be linked on a town website and Mass Historical Website. Chair. Kozlowski asks if the structure is on the historical inventory. David says the building is on the inventory and on the state Massachusetts historical website. Member Maggi asks what is so unique about the building. David states The Joseph and Malvina Beaumier Confectionary Store, built c. 1890, is one of the only surviving early commercial buildings in North Agawam and is representative of late nineteenth/early twentieth century development on the Agawam side of the Mittineague section of Agawam/West Springfield by a multiethnic immigrant population who were employed in the area's mills. They were many buildings like this but all have been torn down. Member Baldwin asked who owns the property now. David states Chuck Calabrese. He plans to demolish this structure but has agreed to wait until the documentation are drawings are complete. He has already demolished the house on the property. Chair. Kozlowski asked if David asked to town to budget for this. David states there is no funding from the Town for the historical commission. David provides information concerning the demolition delay ordinance, and the fact that it needs revision. Motion to fund through the historical fund. Balance by member Ronghi. Second by member Baldwin. All in favor.

2. Motion to adjourn at 11:28 AM.