

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 15, 2023

**Present:** George Bitzas - Chair  
Gerald Smith – Vice Chair  
Anthony Russo  
Cecilia Calabrese  
Robert Rossi

**Also Present:** Councilors Cavallo, Hendrickson, Mercadante, Sandlin, and Suffriti

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman George Bitzas at 6:00pm in the Agawam Senior Center

### AGENDA

**1. Approval of the minutes dated May 1, 2023.**

Motion to approve made by Councilor Rossi and seconded by Councilor Calabrese.

The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No approving the minutes.

**2. TR-2023-40 - A Resolution appropriating \$39,096.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the rehabilitation of the Agawam Skate Park (CPA)**

Chair Bitzas explained the background of this resolution including the previous appropriation which was not sufficient to cover the extra expenses.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Suffriti and seconded by Councilor Russo. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

**3. TR-2023-41 - A Resolution appropriating \$46,430.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the historic graves and monument restoration (CPA)**

Chair Bitzas explained in detail this resolution to appropriate CPA funds for the Federal Hill and Maple Grove cemeteries.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Rossi. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

**4. TR-2023-42 - A Resolution appropriating \$23,345.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the exterior preservation of the Thomas Smith House (CPA)**

Chair Bitzas explained this resolution and there was a short discussion.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Russo. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

- 5. TR-2023-43 - A Resolution appropriating \$2,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the preservation of a pair of 1855 Hampden County Wall Maps (CPA)**

The Council previously approved \$6,500.00 however more is needed to complete this job which includes framing the maps.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Rossi. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

- 6. TR-2023-44 - A Resolution appropriating \$5,742.00 from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the documentation of the Joseph and Malvina Beaumier Confectionery Store & Garage (CPA)**

Chair Bitzas explained that this store is one of the only surviving late 19th century commercial buildings in North Agawam. Prior to the demolition of this building, the Agawam Historical Commission wishes to document the current conditions, building techniques, and physical measurements through detailed architectural drawings.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Rossi and seconded by Councilor Russo. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

- 7. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.**

None.

- 8. Adjournment.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Bitzas, Chair  
Community Relations Sub-Committee