

Rehoboth Community Preservation Committee Minutes, 22 March 2023

The meeting was called to order by Carol Williams at 7:00 p.m. in the Francis Farm Arcade building. Members present were Carol Williams, chair, Arthur Peirce, vice chair, Ed Bertozzi, David Evans, Steve Silva, and Rebecca Smith.

1. The minutes of 22 February 2023 were approved. (Motion by Steve Silva, 2nd by Arthur Peirce, unanimous).
2. Carol Williams distributed copies of the Town Accountant's annual report of Rehoboth CPC finances for FY 2022.
3. The committee approved \$125,000 from undesignated reserve for the purchase, associated costs, and Conservation Restriction of property at 44 Bliss Street, to be under the control of the Conservation Commission. Motion by Steve Silva, 2nd by Arthur Peirce, unanimous.
4. The committee approved \$225,000 from undesignated funds for the purchase, associated costs, and Conservation Restriction of property at 165 Fairview Ave, Map 57, lot 31, to be under the control of the Conservation Commission. Motion by Arthur Peirce, 2nd by Steve Silva, unanimous
5. Last month's discussion continued about moving the historic buildings at Francis Farm which are known as the slaughter house, grain bin and clam or carriage shed and which are under the control of the Historical Commission. Arthur Peirce brought a plan and estimate of costs from the Selectmen. In order to expand handicapped parking area, the buildings would be relocated to another part of the property but would remain on the part not covered by the Conservation Easement. The committee approved \$81,480 from Historic Reserves for this project. Motion by Steve Silva; 2nd by David Evans; approved unanimously.
6. Steve Silva reported that the exchange of properties between the Town and the Housing Authority has taken place and that the Housing Authority is working with the Women's Development Corporation on the Anawan School site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (motion by Steve Silva, 2nd by Arthur Peirce, unanimous).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca H. Smith, secretary

Approved 9 August 2023

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