COMMUNITY PRESERVATION MEETING

TOWN HALL

2-5-2026

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

PRESENT: Alan Chaney, Alan Starbird, Joan Simmons, Carol Bacon, Leah Basbanes, Jon Hughes, Tiffany Naughton, Catherine Irzyk. Absent Jean Haight.
OTHERS: Lacey McCabe, Jill Jarviis, Colin Fridette, Matt Naughton, Susan Psaledakis

BUSINESS:

Swallow Union School proposed outdoor shade structure.

Lacy discussed the different types of flooring for the shade structure. She presented the pros and cons for natural earth, crushed stone, rubber and concrete pad. The concrete pad seems more appropriate for the flooring for safety, durability and pricing.
Alan Chaney put forth the motion to choose the concrete pad for the shade structure flooring and seconded by Tiffany. The vote was unanimous.
Further discussion relating to water drainage was addressed by Colin Fridette who stated the necessary irrigation measures would be considered during the construction period.

Discussion on the funding of Historical Cemetery repairs.

The cemeteries needing repair and preservation are The Rideout on Fletcher Street and the Central Cemetery on Westford Street. Anne Davis has called a meeting of the Historical Commission for the first week of March to discuss and vote whether the cemeteries meet the historic determination. The Rideout cemetery has loose rocks on the street side needing 50 feet of repair and preservation. The original rocks will be used, and all repairs will meet historic regulations.
Carol made the motion to approve the preservation of The Rideout Cemetery on Fletcher Street with funds of $9,500 from the Historic reserve fund contingent on approval from the Historic Commission and seconded by Catherine. The vote was unanimous.
The fence at the Central Cemetery on Westford Street needs painting and replacements of some of the wooden boards to restore the fence.
Carol made the motion to approve the restoration of the Central Cemetery with funds not to exceed $60,000 from the Historic reserves contingent on the approval of the Historic Commission. It was seconded by Leah and the vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the 11/12/2025 were approved by the committee following review and corrections made.

Tiffany and Matt updated the progress being discussed at the Parks and Recreation Committee related to Larter Field and the baseball field.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.
Submitted by Catherine Irzyk

Approved March 12, 2026