

CONCERN ABOUT PAYING DOWN THE DEBT ON BORROWING

Community Preservation Committee August 6, 2026 Ropewalk Room, Town Hall

Board Members present: Edward Bradley, At-Large, Chair; Tim Grandy, Planning Board Liaison, Vice Chair; Len Levin, At-Large, Clerk; Paul Churchill, At-Large; Lisa Hickey, At-Large; Bill Koehan, Parks and Recreation; Courtney Curran, Housing Authority.; Kristen Ford, CPC Coordinator and Doug Ozelius, Historic Commission. Absent: Sharl Heller, At-large. Note: the designation beside each committee member signifies the appointing committee, board or commission.

Guests: Mike Cahill, Climate Resiliency & Sustainability Planner; David Gould, Director, Department of Energy and Environment; Scott Cameron, Assistant Financial Manager; John Mahoney, former Select Board member, Pct. 3

Vote to be taken on applications for Fall FY27. Topic details & support documentation made available with the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

Kristin Ford discussed the possibility of hosting a tri-town event. For example, the CPC of Carver, Kingston and Duxbury could be invited. Committee members were in favor of planning an event. Ford agreed to contact Stuart Saginor, Director of the Community Preservation Coalition to discuss and report back. The CPC pays \$7,900 yearly dues to belong to the State Community Preservation Coalition. For more information: <https://www.communitypreservation.org>

VOTES ON APPLICATIONS:

Cameron Scott gave a financial review and recommendation before the vote on each application.

Buttermilk Bay Coalition / Conservation Restriction ask \$750,000

Motion: To approve the above amount using \$182,481 remaining FY 2027 budgeted reserves and \$567,519 of the CPA undesignated fund balance. Vote: 7-0-1. Grady recused as he is an abutter.

Downtown Resiliency – Phase 1: ask \$663,000

Cahill explained that several steps must take place for this project to go forward. Any borrowing for this project is contingent on receiving the grant of (3 M). According to Cahill this would be a two-year award, allocating \$854,031 in FY27 and \$2,145,969 in FY 28. (Plymouth did receive the grant). For this project to go forward it must have the approval of Town Meeting.

Motion: To approve the Downtown Resiliency Project Phase 1 in the reduced amount of \$600,000. Subject to approval of the State MVP Grant of \$3,000,000 and the vote of Town Meeting to fund the balance of the project. Vote: 5-3-0 (Bradley, Curran, Levin).

Shirley Square is part of Phase 1: Bradley remarked that this area still needs to be surveyed. There needs to be a lot number and page and for the deed to be recorded to have a conservation restriction.

Re-Vote of Jenney Pond Article 16B, 2022 spring Town Meeting Article: by reducing the amount to be borrowed by the 10% reserve for Open space and Recreation in the amount of \$415,351. Unanimous vote.

Public Comment: John Mahoney reported on a meeting he had attended recently at Hedges Pond Recreation. The property was purchased in 2007 with CPC funds. Members of the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe and town officials met regarding the future of the Great Hall that is located on this property. Several years ago some repairs were made to the structure for safety reasons. Also in the recent past, CPC members, the Recreation Department and other town officials met at the site to evaluate possibility of restoration of the Great Hall. At that time it was decided it was too expensive. The Recreation Department that runs a successful summer program at Hedges Pond, suggested razing the Great Hall structure and replacing it with a pavilion. Mahoney felt that enough time and energy had already been spent on this structure. He felt it should be demolished.

Update on the Mayflower Meeting House: There is a CPC meeting scheduled for September 24, 2026. The Historic District Commission and the Mayflower Meeting House Committee will be invited. Please refer to Observer Corps, CPC report of July 23, 2026 to read the background for this joint meeting.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs none.

Open Meeting Law (OML) Concerns	Yes	No
Were all speakers audible to all attendees?	x	
Were motion wording, motion maker names, and votes audible to all attendees?	x	
Were minutes posted per OML?	x	
Was public recording permitted and announced?	x	
If conducted, was Executive Session for one of 10 reasons per OML?		N/A

Public Meeting Best Practices	Yes	No
Was a name card for each Member in place and readable by attendees?	x	
Were visuals presented during the meeting visible to all attendees?		X*
Were all in attendance civil and courteous to each other?	x	
Did Members follow their published Policies and Procedures, if any?	x	
Was any conflict of interest disclosed, per State Ethics Law or Plymouth By-Law?		x
Was there an opportunity for public comment as encouraged by Attorney General?	x	
*Kristen Ford, CPC Coordinator provided me with recording and draft of minutes		

Observer Corps Report



Observer name and date: Virginia Davis, August 21, 2026

- Link here to recording on [The Local Seen](#).
- Link to relevant local reporting in the Plymouth Independent: [Mayflower Meetinghouse Oversight Failures](#) and [Downtown Streetscape Project Gets State Grant](#)
- When the official minutes from this meeting have been approved, they will be available on the Town website at [Plymouth Agendas & Minutes Center](#).