

**On 7/13/2022, on a motion by Paul Huggins, seconded by Christine Marzigliano, the committee voted 8-0 to approve these minutes.**

TOWN OF YARMOUTH  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES for January 5, 2022

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK  
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- PRESENT:** Gary Ellis, Christine Marzigliano, Paul Huggins, George Slama (via Zoom), Nate Small (via Zoom), Liz Hartsgrove (via Zoom)
- ABSENT:** Thomas Kelley, Mary Ann Walsh, Debbie Clark
- STAFF:** Dawn-Marie Flett, Program Coordinator; Karen Greene, Community Development Director; Kelly Grant, Conservation Administrator
- GUESTS:** Melanie Barron and Laurel Gabel, Friends of Ancient Cemetery
- LOCATION:** Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A and via Remote Access

As required by G.L. Chapter 30A, §§ 18-25, and pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, *An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency*, signed into law on June 16, 2021, the Yarmouth Community Preservation Committee held a public meeting at the date and time noted above. The public was welcome to attend either in-person or via the alternative public access provided in the agenda.

**Convene**

Chairman Ellis opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

1. Yankee Village Update – Conservation Agent Kelly Grant reported that she has met with the Open Space Committee to develop the detail plans being presented today. While the project has taken longer than hoped, it has also grown to include the two adjacent parcels, Chase Brook Park and Mill Creek Park, in order to create one large, cohesive park. The main goals of the plan are to improve ADA accessibility; provide vista views; and to utilize native plantings to minimize maintenance and improve the habitat and resiliency.

Permitting for the project is fairly substantial and is being handled by Ms. Grant. Work is scheduled to begin in Summer of 2022 and will continue into 2023 due to planting schedules. Invasives management will be ongoing for several years. Ongoing maintenance has been intentionally minimized through the design. A breakdown of funding sources was also provided.

Mr. Slama pointed out that there are well-established common milkweed plants in the Mill Creek Park along the path to the overlook that should be saved. Ms. Grant concurred. Ms. Marzigliano asked that new maintenance contracts be drawn up to include pruning. Ms. Grant noted that invasives are most aggressive and it is hoped that by removing them, pruning should decline over time. Invasives management needs to be done by licensed professionals, so perhaps pruning could be added to that contract. Mr. Ellis asked about the timeframe for the proposed footbridge over Chase Creek. Ms. Grant explained that the Ch. 91 license will take longer to obtain, therefore the bridge will follow the rest of the work.