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Community Preservation Committee Approved Changes to Use of CPA Funding for Historic Burying Grounds Program

On October 13, 2020, the CPC met with Historic Newton Executive Director Lisa Dady to discuss using the remaining CPA funding in the Historic Burying Ground Program accounts. Historic Newton received three rounds of CPA funding for the City's Historic Burying Grounds (East Parish, West Parish, and South) totally \$653,679 for historic resource projects between 2003 and 2014. Those projects were completed under budget. Historic Newton's current request is to use the \$76,108.20 remaining in the burying ground project accounts to replace the fencing along the north and east property lines of the South Burying Grounds on Winchester Street. Replacement fencing for the South Burying Ground has been under discussion for many years and was recommended in the 2003 Update to the Master Plan (originally written in 1990). The current plan is to install new tubular steel fencing along Winchester Street and new chain link on the north, and eventually west and south, sides of the property.

The CPC agreed several years ago that the remaining funds could be used for additional work on all three burying grounds. In 2017 and 2019, the CPC allowed Historic Newton to take funding out of these accounts for gravestone conservation and emergency tree removal work.

At the close of the discussion, the CPC members agreed that this was a logical use of the remaining funds and unanimously voted to allow the remaining project funds to be used to replace the fencing on the north and east sides of the South Burying Ground as submitted.

The remaining funding is located in four existing historic resource funding accounts as follows:

Account Name	Account Number		Amount
Historic Burial Grounds - Public Pro	58B60308	524090	2,048.07
Historic Burial Grn - Public Pro	58B60309	524090	2,348.98
E Parish Burial Gr - Public Pro	58B60310	524090	68,244.67
E Parish Burial Gr - Engineering	58B60310	530203	3,466.48
Total Amount Available:			\$76,108.20