

Town of Becket Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing

March 17, 2021 Becket Room Town Hall 6:00 P.M.

Present: Committee Members Cindy, Delpapa, James Levy, Rita Furlong,

Guests: Raymond Ellsworth, Jack Rodhouse, Michael Lavery, Jennifer Beatty, and Larisa Shpitalnik, potential Board member.

No other members of the public attended the hearing.

Michael Lavery, Town Selectman, presented the Esau's Trail Project for \$10,000.00. The plans are to clear the former roadway and create a parking area near Route 20. No questions.

Jack Rodhouse, Church Trustee, presented the Congregational Church Belfry Restoration Project for the rebuilding of the powder post beetle damaged belfry and cellar support beams. Their request is for \$200,00.00. Larisa questioned why no fund raising has taken place yet. Jack explained that several such efforts have been done so far with several more planned for the coming year. Cindy reminded all that the CPA does not reimburse but pays bills directly only. No other questions. Rita Furlong recused herself from this discussion and later vote because she is a member of this church.

Jennifer Beatty, BAC Director, explained the Arts Center Project for following through on the energy auditing suggestions. Their request is for \$21,887.00 for window treatments and insulation. Larisa questioned why they were asking before fund raising efforts have occurred. Jennifer explained that BAC membership dues and support groups have been doing the research and trying to budget for these improvements.

Hearing adjourned at 6:25.

The CPC Committee stayed and discussed whether or not these requests were deemed appropriate for CPA Funding if approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

It was decided that all three projects were acceptable. 1. The Esau's Trail Project would be funded from the Open Space Fund for \$10,000.00. 2. Church Project funding of \$100,000.00 would be taken from the following: \$10,000.00 from

Historical Preservation Fund and \$90,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund. 3. The BAC request for \$21,887.00 would be funded from the Undesignated Fund.

Rita will let the Town Administrator know of our vote. He will write the Annual Town Meeting Articles for these projects with the funding that we suggested.

This portion of the meeting ended at 6:50.

Respectfully,

Rita Furlong, Clerk