



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission Office, Town Hall

Attendees: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, John Garvey

Attendees (Zoom): Katherine Warden, William Elovirta

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by chair Sandi Jarvis at 7:15pm.
2. Business
 - a. Updated cupola restoration proposals: JG reported that the contractor had submitted a supplemental estimate due to inflation, prevailing wage requirement and design changes. The additional estimate was for \$21,600, added to the original estimate of \$24,163 for a total construction/installation cost of \$45,763. The contractor stated that about 10% of the increase was due to inflation, a similar amount due to the Prevailing Wage requirement, with the largest increase due to design changes. Combined with an Engineering and Architectural estimate of \$5,000 gives a total project cost of \$50,763. JG asked if this puts us into the next level of procurement which requires sealed bids. KW stated that usually the Engineering and Architectural work is considered a project and construction/installation a separate project, so this project would not fall under the sealed bid procurement requirements. She will check with the Inspector General's office to verify.
 - b. CPA grant: After some discussion about the upcoming deadline for CPA funding requests for the Annual Town Meeting, it was determined that the Historic Commission had two options:
 - a. Submit a CPA request for additional funding of the cupola project of \$22,600 (\$21,600 for the additional construction/installation work and \$1,000 in additional Engineering and Architectural work).
 - b. Bring the contractor, architect and engineer into a working session to identify the parts of the design causing the largest increases in the estimate, and look for ways that a redesign might lower the additional cost. This option will

necessarily cause a delay in the project since it could not be completed by the CPA funding deadline for the Annual Town Meeting, though if the town held a Special Town Meeting this fiscal year a new estimate might be ready by then. BE asked whether CPA projects could be funded at Special Town Meetings or only at the Annual Town Meeting. RF said that she would have to check on that.

- c. After further discussion RF moved that the Historical Commission pursue Option 2 to make an attempt at design changes that could reduce the additional cost. The motion was seconded by JG and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes provided by John Garvey, clerk