

Town of Becket Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> , 2016 6:33

Becket Room

Present: Neil Toomey, Cindy Delpapa, Jennifer Beatty, Rita Furlong

Absent: Jan Elovirta, Robert Ronzio

Neil made a motion to approve the minutes of the Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> ,2016 meeting. Cindy  
2. Approved by all.

Old business: Town Administrator Ed Gibson placed the public notice for this hearing in the Country Journal. Bill will be paid for from our Administrative Expenses Account after being submitted and voted on.

Cindy explained the Memorandum of Understanding to those applicants present for the hearing. It includes the process for spending the approved funding. It is not a reimbursement, but the actual bill. It was discussed and thought to be appropriate to post a notice that CPA funds are being used for any approved request. This could become part of the MOU. The MOU pdf file will be on line under the CPC heading. Applicants will be able to fill out on line and send a signed copy to this board.

6:40 p.m. Public Hearing opened. Rita made a motion to begin. Jennifer 2 All approved.

#1. Parks and Recreation Committee request for up to \$75,000.00 for new park playground equipment for Becket Center Park to replace the older wooden one. Madeleine Elovirta of the P & R Committee strongly suggested that the entire playground equipment and swing set be installed all at once. We all concurred.

Cindy made a motion for up to \$75,000.00 be approved by the CPC. Neil 2. Rita recused herself due to the fact that she is on the Parks and Recreation Committee but suggested that \$11,000.00 of the amount requested come from the Open

Space and Recreation portion and up to \$64,000.00 come from the Undesignated Reserve portion of the Becket CPA balance. Vote was 3 members approving and one abstaining vote (Rita). Motion passed.

#2. Becket Athenaeum director Cathy DeFoe presented a request for \$6,734.00 to refinish the floor of the athenaeum.

Cindy noted that the original application was incomplete, but Neil allowed the rest of the proper information requested be passed in and included in the application. It was noted that other requests from the athenaeum came in appropriately and so should this one have been. It was noted that previous athenaeum requests were compiled by a different person. The final application was complete.

Cindy hopes that the floors will be refinished in an historically accurate method. The athenaeum has been doing an outstanding job on restoring the building so far.

Rita made a motion to accept the project using funding of \$3,000.00 from Historic Preservation and \$3,000.00 from the Undesignated portion of the account. Neil 2. 3 votes in favor and one no vote. Motion passed.

#3. YMCA Camp request for \$30,000.00 to perform a structural and architectural evaluation of the historic Brewster House. No one was present to represent the camps.

Rita noted that the original application was incomplete and contained some inaccurate information. However, it is indeed one of Becket's finest early dwellings and the town should help to save it. A high, but official quote was included for the work. She suggested we might approve a lesser amount.

Cindy also felt the amount was high and that a proper evaluation would encourage the work to be done appropriately.

Neil noted the camps are not taxed by the town of Becket and a request for funding may have trouble passing a town meeting.

Jennifer suggested that if the camps paid for the evaluation, then they might reapply for money to actually perform some of the recommended restoration. Following this discussion, it was suggested that we share our concerns with them if they are interested in requesting funds next year.

Neil made a motion to deny the request. Jennifer 2. Vote was 3 no votes and 1 person abstaining .

Neil will contact the applicant and will meet with them if interested.

Cindy wanted to clarify that this doesn't imply that we would never fund the planning stage of future projects.

#4. Town of Becket Cemetery Commissioners Michelle Smith and Bill Cavanaugh requested \$32,000.00 to restore cemetery stones in all three Becket cemeteries. Neil asked about the repair of leaning stones. We were told that stone dust will be used to stabilize the stones.

Cindy commented on the thorough application form.

Neil made a motion to approve the request with funding as follows: \$2,000.00 from Historical Preservation and \$30,000.00 from the Undesignated Reserve fund. Rita 2. Vote was unanimous in favor of the project.

Public Hearing closed at 8:03

New Business:

1. Cindy will write articles and submit them to the administrator.
2. Neil made a motion to approve the CPA estimated revenue income.  
Cindy 2. Passed unanimously.
3. Neil and Rita found a copy of the Compensations and Duties of the CPC and will give a copy to the town administrator as requested. It is not included on Becket's web site. We decided it should be there. We will vote on it next meeting after we have had a chance to review it.

Our next meeting will be in September. Jan will be asked for input on the best day for him. Everyone else will check their calendars and get back to Neil.

Motion to adjourn by Rita. Second-Neil All agreed.

Meeting ended at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong