

## Town of Becket Community Preservation Committee Meeting

March 30, 2015

Becket Room 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Neil Toomey, Rita Furlong, Jennifer Beatty, Cynthia Delpapa

Absent: Robert Ronzio, Richard Pryor

We reviewed the 2013-14 proposal from the Becket Athenaeum for \$15,000 and the proposal for 2014-15 for \$15,000. The 2013 paper work did not include a bill and so Cathy DeFoe, the athenaeum director was called and she then came to the meeting with the bill. She informed us that the 2014-5 request has not been spent yet due to the poor weather last fall which prevented the remaining exterior painting being done. It will be done this spring.

We voted to submit the bill for the 2013-4 exterior restoration and painting work totaling \$14,669. We will request that the check be hand delivered by Mrs. Defoe as she needs to discuss upcoming work with the Sondrini Company who did the work.

Cindy made a proposal for a memorandum to be created which applicants will sign following approval of a project at the ATM.

It will read: Recipients of CPA funding will be asked to sign a memorandum with the CPC outlining their responsibilities associated with acceptance of the request. Including but not limited to; the billing process and payment process, acceptable acknowledgement of CPA Town of Becket support, an interim and final report requirement, and documentation of expenditures.

Neil seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Defoe than presented the 2015-6 request for \$12,108 for storm windows and roof trim repair. A discussion was held regarding the athenaeum's capitol funds, insulation in the attic, whether the abutters were informed and allowed to respond. Answers were deemed to be acceptable and so Cindy moved that no more than \$12,108 be approved for the installation of historically appropriate

storm windows on the athenaeum and the repair of roof trim pending receipt of an acceptable estimate for the \$4,000 portion for roof trim repair.

Jennifer seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rita will prepare the article to be voted final approval following the public hearing on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 at the Becket Town Hall. We will take \$6,000 from the Historical Preservation Fund and \$6,108 from the Undesignated Fund for a total of \$12,108.

Neil was notified that there will be an article on the ATM warrant to rescind CPA law in Becket. We will prepare data on how the CPA has positively helped Becket. Neil will summarize the last eight years of activity. We will notify everyone we know to attend and support the continuation of the CPA in town. We should approach the athenaeum, Becket Land Trust, the Westfield Wild and Scenic River group, and any other group/individuals that might support the retention of this law.

Cindy offered to review the on-line application for CPA funding and suggest updates to the application form. We will review them at the June 9th meeting. She will also create a draft memorandum for the committee to approve at the June meeting also.

Neil introduced us to the concept of a "Sunset clause" that will allow the applicants a limited time to expend the funds voted on. As of now, applicants have no time limit. This new clause will require that applicants are to inform the committee yearly of needed extensions for use of voted funding. Cindy will add this information to the application form and the memorandum for us to view and vote on. Next meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>.gv

Meeting adjourned at 9:21.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong