

Town of Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Minutes of August 18, 2015

Great Barrington Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Karen W. Smith.

Members present: Ed Abrahams, Thomas Blauvelt, Jessica Dezieck, Martha Fick, William Nappo, Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith. Members absent: Kathleen Jackson, Suzanne Fowle, Also present: Town Planner Chris Rembold

Administrative Business

Dezieck moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 as amended, Salem seconded. All were in favor.

FY 17 Step 1 Applications

Peter Bluhm presented the application on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire (UUMSB) for historic preservation of their church at 1089 Main Street, Housatonic. He review the several activities which total \$75,550. The Committee asked several questions including if this included everything the UUMSB had to do. Bluhm said they have already spent some money, but have developed a more thorough approach. These items are recommended by the engineer and were estimated by a local contractor who is a church member. They feel it is a complete package and is accurate.

Smith asked if they were planning to contribute any of their own money to the project. Bluhm said they could if it would help them be competitive. They have a multi-year plan for which they will raise money, and this is part of that strategy. Smith suggested it would be good to tell the whole story in the Step 2 application. Fick said the Town should know if CPA money will be matched with other money. Smith suggested Bluhm discuss the Step 2 application with Rembold.

Nappo mentioned that the work will have to follow Secretary of the Interior Standards. Dezieck suggested that Bluhm read the CPA Plan and be familiar with the requirements, like the Standards.

Bluhm said this work will not be involving the Ramsdell library. Smith said that is ok; this work is only on your building, and doesn't involve parking lot or driveway work.

Dezieck moved to approve the Step 1 as eligible and invite the UUMSB to submit a Step 2 application. Nappo seconded. All were in favor.

Reports from Committee Members

There were several reports. Smith said the Parks Commission and DPW may apply for recreation funding for an accessible bathroom at Memorial Field. Dezieck said there may be some applications for open space funds. Salem said the Housing Authority will probably not apply, since they already have the funds that they need. Abrahams said he will announce at the Selectboard meeting that Step 1 applications are due September 1.

Next Meeting Dates

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- September 8: review last of Step 1 applications received
- October 6: begin review of Step 2 applications
- October 15: continue review

October 20: continue review
October 27: continue review
October 29: continue review

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Draft minutes of July 21 meeting
- Step 1 application from UUMSB

Respectfully submitted:

