

**Minutes of BOS Meeting
Friday, May 27,2016
Hildreth House**

Attendees: BOS - Ken Swanton, Stu Sklar, Lucy Wallace, Ron Ricci, Alice von Loesecke; T3HBC – Rick Maiore, Connie Larrabee, Laura Andrews; **Director of COA** – Debbie Thompson; **Town Administrator** – Tim Bragan

The meeting was opened at 8:00 am by Ken Swanton, Chair.

Increasing funding for the improvements to the Hildreth House

Report from T3HBC. The T3HBC reported that the lower of the two bids received for the HH improvement project was \$188,233 over the amount approved by Town Meeting. In addition, if all three “deduct alternates” were removed, the overage would still be over \$70,000.

Based on these results, the board discussed the need for a special town meeting (STM) to approve a higher amount of funding for the project. On a Wallace motion, seconded by Sklar, followed by discussion of several potential dates, the board unanimously approved holding a STM on June 14, 2016.

The amount of additional funding to be requested. A Ricci motion to accept the T3HBC proposal to include all three deduct alternates was seconded by Sklar. Rick Maiore provided details of the three alternates. Alternate 1 – build a roof over the porch extension; Alternate 2 – extend the porch; Alternate 3 – raise and level the existing porch. In combination, the three alternates will increase handicapped accessible space prior to any potential Phase II construction project. Maiore confirmed the \$188,233 includes all construction contingencies plus an estimated \$7,000 for Planning Board requirements and \$7,000 for potential changes to the stairs to meet ADA compliance. Swanton voiced support for including all the alternates and pointed out that the cost of the construction project had already been previously reduced by design changes. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Source of the funding. Wallace pointed out that Annual Town Meeting (ATM) voted to leave free cash as a potential source. She also acknowledged that the Capital committee had to review the proposed expenditure, regardless of source of funding, but expressed concern they would not approve the request. Ricci said CPIC will meet on June 6 and he was sure they would approve the increase. Swanton, Ricci and von Loesecke said bypassing CPIC and allocating funding directly from Free Cash was setting a dangerous precedent. Swanton expressed understanding of Wallace’s concern and said the Article would not include the source of funding, which could be decided after the CPIC meeting. Bragan confirmed the source of funding would be specified in the motion on the floor, not in the article. On a Wallace motion, seconded by Sklar, the board voted unanimously to include an Article at STM to increase the funding for the HH improvement project by \$188,233.

Treatment of Free Cash. On a von Loesecke motion, seconded by Sklar, to move a portion of Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund as needed and move the remaining balance to the Capital Fund, the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice von Loesecke, Clerk