

**Lenox Community Preservation Committee**  
**January 16, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Members present: Roscoe Sandlin (RS), Midge Sandlin (MS), Andrea Winter (AW), Joe Strauch (JS), John McNinch (JM), Olga Weiss (OW).

Joseph Kellogg (JK), Scott Pignatelli and Fred Keator (FK) absent with notification.

Also in attendance: Mary Albertson (MA), Town Planner.

RS, Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

MA distributed the application packages. The committee received 10 applications for CPA funding. There are 6 requests for historic preservation and 4 requests for housing. There were no applications for open space or recreation. Applications for historic preservation total \$283,965 and applications for housing total \$96,500. RS and MA prepared information on CPA funds available. RS discussed his handout and explained that the committee should determine how they want to allocate CPA funds. Does the committee want to assume an 80% state match? The members agreed to allocate a 50% match – a very conservative approach.

RS suggested the committee briefly review the applications.

1. Historical Commission requests funds to inventory properties. CPA funds would be a match for a Massachusetts Historic grant program.
2. Smitty Pignatelli requests funds to repair the Bisacca Cannon in Lilac Park.
3. The CDC South Berkshire requests funds for predevelopment work for affordable housing at Aspinwell.
4. The CDC South Berkshire requests funds for initial feasibility and engineering work for the proposed Trinity Church affordable housing project.
5. Trinity Church requests funds to develop an affordable housing website.
6. The Lenox Community Center requests money to replace the windows at the Community Center.
7. The Town of Lenox – Kennedy Park Commission requests money to restore Baker's Pond.
8. The Lenox Housing Authority requests money to restore the porch at the Curtis Building.
9. The Church on the Hill request money to reside, repair and paint the steeple.
10. The Westinghouse Streetlamps Partners in conjunction with the Lenox DPW request money to install Westinghouse Streetlights on Church Street.

Discussion ensued regarding the projects. Members decided to invite all the applicants for a 10 minutes meeting with the committee. MA will arrange appointment for January 30 and February 6 starting at 6:00 PM. Members suggested that the Westinghouse Streetlight and Sawmill Brook (Trinity Church Affordable Housing) appear to be the strongest applications. Members suggested the historic property inventory could be prepared by graduate students. AW felt the costs to develop the Trinity Church website are high. Members questioned if Baker's Pond is really appropriate as an historic preservation project. JS noted that the site for the Aspinwell affordable units was denied by the Conservation Commission and appealed to DEP. DEP has not ruled on this matter. Members questioned if CPA money should be committed to a project that was denied by the Conservation Commission. Members need more information regarding the Bisacca

Cannon project. AW is concerned that the Church on the Hill and the Community Center windows are routine repair projects and do not qualify for CPA funds. She suggested that the original windows have historical significance and questioned replacement.

It was noted that some of the historic preservation projects include historic resources that are not currently listed on the State Register. The Historical Commission needs to declare these resources as important in the history of the community in order to receive CPA funds. MA will check on the exact procedure and report back to RS and AW. AW suggested that the Historical Commission could accomplish this task at its February 11 meeting.

Motion made by AW to approve the Community Preservation Plan and JS seconded – all members in favor.

Motion made by AW to approve the November 28, 2007 minutes and JS seconded - all members in favor.

MS made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM and AW seconded - all members in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Albertson', written in a cursive style.

Mary Albertson, Town Planner