

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2016  
Room 104 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present:     Nathan Maltinsky, Chair  
                           David Baker (arrived 7:40 pm)  
                           James McKay  
                           Pamela Rheaume-Mustard  
                           Raymond Normandin  
                           Anne Rich

Members absent:     Wendy Barry  
                           James McCaffrey  
                           John Northgraves

Also present:

**Currier & Ives Etchings Proposal (#2017-001)  
Millis Fire Department  
Chief Barrett**

Mr. Maltinsky presented the application on behalf of Chief Barrett as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Maltinsky stated that the Fire Department is requesting \$11,000.00 from Historic Preservation funds to restore six Currier and Ives etchings from a series entitled, “The Life of the Fireman. He said that the lithographs hung in Niagara Fire Engine House until a fire in 1939 caused damage to the artwork. The etchings have water stains, mold spores, and UV light damage. The prints were moved to the current fire station and have remained there, he said. Most of the lithographs are 150 plus years old, Mr. Maltinsky said, and are considered to be “in fair condition and in need of stabilization.”

Mr. Maltinsky presented estimates from two vendors: Oliver Brothers and Northeast Document Conservation Center. He said that current frames, glass, and matting have compromised the integrity of the artwork. The existing frames can still be used, however, the matting and glass need to be changed after restoration. Mr. Maltinsky stated that the restoration company’s recommendation is that the originals not be displayed and that a high resolution version can be used in its place. Technology allows for a reproduction “to look as good as - if not better – than the original.” Mr. Maltinsky suggested the originals could be displayed for limited viewing in a room with no ambient light and lighting that produces no ultraviolet light. Digital prints of the artwork will also be provided, he said. He presented a cost breakdown which totaled \$10,310.00.

There was discussion regarding the value of the artwork. Mr. Baker recommended an appraiser and he will contact her to see if she would be interested/available to appraise the artwork. The discussion on this proposal was continued to the September 8, 2016 meeting.

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**Other Business:**

**FY17**

**Payroll Signatories**

On a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Community Preservation Committee unanimously voted pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 41 to authorize *either* Mr. Nathan Maltinsky or Ms. Anne Rich to sign/approve payroll for FY17.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Ms. Mustard, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 5, 2016, as written.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Ms. Mustard, seconded by Ms. Rich, and voted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Camille Standley, Administrative Assistant*