

Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2015
Room 112 – 7:00 PM
110 Main St
Monson, MA

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Monson Community Preservation Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Leslie Duthie at 7:03PM.

Members in attendance: Chairwoman Leslie Duthie, Tamara Cabey and Karen King, Robert Presho and Michael Arbour.

The Minutes of March were read and accepted.

The first order of business was the project submitted at the March 24, 2015 meeting by the First Church of Monson. Ms. Duthie stated that the CPA said it was perfectly acceptable to revisit the application in the fall. This decision was accepted by the committee.

Letters of intent to the Town of Monson in the amount of \$20,010 for the preservation of birth records. A second letter went to the Unitarian Universalist Church in the amount of \$49,500 for painting the exterior of the church. The third letter was sent to the First Church of Monson stating that their application to paint the exterior of the church will be held for review until the fall session.

A bill in the amount of \$7,500 submitted by the Jacob Thompson House payable to Pelissier Painting was approved and signed. Ms. Duthie then moved to bring Mr. Arbour and Mr. Presho up the speed in regard to the last few meetings they were unable to attend. This included the possibility of purchasing two houses to be retrofitted for lower income houses. A discussion of the energy audit was discussed. Ms. Duthie stated that perhaps the Monson Green Committee would oversee the execution of this project.

Ms. Duthie stated that the committee was waiting on a new bid for the Monson Cemetery stonewall project. The Memorial Hall project is up to date on the electrical portion of the code and safety issues. However, the sheetrock still needs to be done. There is \$38,000 remaining from the allotted \$225,000. Ms. Duthie suggested getting the community involved and also to bring the request for an additional \$80,000 before the town at the next Town Meeting. Also, any prior money issued must be used or returned to the CPA. It cannot roll over into the next project.

The next step is to complete the code and safety issues. A new committee will be put together to hire an architect familiar with historic buildings, to go through Memorial Hall and compile a bullet list of all the items that require updating, repair or replacement.

There CPC will not hold a meeting in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2015.

Ms. Cabey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Presho seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.