

Community Preservation Meeting Minutes February 3, 2015
Room 112 - 7:00PM
110 Main St
Monson, MA

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Monson Community Preservation Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Leslie Duthie at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance: Chairwoman Leslie Duthie, Karen King and Tamara Cabey. Mr. Richard Guertin from the Silver Street Chapel was also in attendance.

- Silver Street Chapel Project -

Mr. Guertin submitted an application for funds to replace the windows in the Silver Street Chapel. He then gave some background on the financial history of the Silver Street Chapel, which had been mishandled by prior caretakers. He stated that the chapel does not have any steady income. Mr. Guertin was hoping this project would be as deemed historic preservation. Ms. Cabey explained that replacing the windows is not considered historic preservation, however installing storm windows would be considered as such. Mr. Guertin is not certain that the current windows are original to the building. Ms. Duthie and Ms. Cabey strongly encouraged Mr. Guertin to speak with the Historical Society about preserving the chapel in it's true intention. The project was denied.

- Bill Schedule -

\$5,000 deposit to Advantage Coatings for painting the Jacob Thompson House.

- Planning the future of the CPC -

Ms. Duthie has had a few inquires regarding upcoming projects. Housing money is still available. Ms. King mentioned an empty building on Main street which may be refurbished into 2 or 3 apartments for low income housing. There may be other properties available for renovating and/or refurbishing.

Ms. Duthie stated that Evan Brassard and Dan Laroche are forming a Green Energy Committee and perhaps monies would be available to seniors for energy saving measures. Ms. Duthie will speak with National Grid regarding money for energy audits for seniors.

- Memorial Hall -

Ms. Duthie stated she went before the selectman and asked they be more involved and actively participate in the Memorial Hall project. The life safety issues will be completed. Perhaps in the future, two to three years from now, bonding money will be available for the Hall. Also, it was recommended that a study be done by a historical preservation architect.

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 was made by Ms. King. Seconded by Ms. Cabey. Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting March 3, 2015.

