



Monson Community Preservation Committee
110 Main St
Monson, MA 01057

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

Members in attendance: Chairwoman Leslie Duthie, Tamara Cabey, Karen King, Robert Presho, Suzanne Kelley, David Sanborn, Tim Pascale, Mary Watson and Jamie Messer.

The first order of business was the bill schedule. \$28,085 was paid for the Kofile Preservation record clerk records preservation. .

Motion The meeting minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting were read, Mr Presho made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Cabey. All were in favor, and the motion was accepted.

Hillside Cemetery Project

A site visit was performed by Dan Laroche. The project is going well and is coming in under budget. Ms. Cabey questioned whether the Mill St side is also complete. Ms. Duthie is waiting to see if there are any remaining bills from Mr. Haveles. If there are no more bills, the remaining funds will be returned to the CPC.

Memorial Hall Project

The safety portion of the project is still in process. There is \$30,000 remaining from the previous disbursement, however an addition \$100,000 is needed to complete the sheetrock project. The town will be applying for a \$100,000 grant. The Fire Marshall has approved the space for use by the Arts Council to hold their craft fair. In regard, to replace or restore the doors, due to the cost the decision was made to restore the doors. The amount requested is \$100,000

Keep Homestead Museum Preservation Project

A letter was read that was received by the CPC by David Ramsey. He stated that he has resigned as Board of Directors from the museum. This is due to his disagreement in regard to the current project proposed by the museum to deal with the water problem in the basement. Ms. Shepard responded to this letter and explained the three phase process to correct the water issue. The currently situation is the structural integrity of the building due to the severe water problem in the basement. The funds currently being requested are for Phase One, which includes re-stoning and cementing all of the interior

walls of the basement to reinforce the foundation. The museum will then reapply for further funds for phase 2 and phase 3 individually. The amount requested for phase one is \$30,213.

First Church of Monson Project

The First Church has reapplied to paint the exterior of the church. Ms. Kelley stated that it is not their intention to "Preserve Historically" but to protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened. Ms. Duthie stated that historical restoration is important to the Committee, however they will consider their new proposal. Ms Cabey also stated that the Historic Commission is not in favor of this project. Ms. Duthie advised that Ms Kelly obtain a paint analysis before moving forward with this project. This project was put on hold until the October 6th meeting to discuss this project further. The amount requested is \$84,680.

Parks and Recreation Project

Mr. Pascale stated that the pool became the sole responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department in 2013. They have been making improvements as needed. However the Building Inspector stated that the locker rooms were a safety concern and not up to code. The lockers and benches are rusting and falling apart and the handicapped equipment is missing from the shower stalls. The Parks and Rec Dept. currently does not have a budget for the improvements. They have also requested monies from local swim clubs, however they do not have any funds available to donate. Ms. Duthie stated that this may come under the funding of recreation and will check with the CPA. She also asked if this project can be split into different parts. Mr. Pascale it must be completed as one project. The amount requested is \$59,355.

Ferraro House Project

Ms. Cabey stated that Ms. Ferraro spoke with her about moving the Ferraro House as a preservation measure. The family is currently looking to purchase a lot, however they have moved forward pending a reply from the CPC. The family is only asking for moving costs. The rest of the monies will be provided by the Ferraro family. The Ferraro family will attend the October meeting. They have requested an amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Town of Monson Project

This project will preserve approximately 29 marriage record books and marriage intentions paperwork. They have requested \$25,000. The committee feels this a worthwhile project and will discuss further for the October meeting.

As there were no further items to discuss, Ms. Casey made a motion to adjourn, Robert seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

The next meeting will take place on October 6, 2015.