

Becket Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing and Minutes

March 29, 2017 6:31 P.M. Becket Room at Becket Town Hall

Committee Members present: Neil Toomey, Rita Furlong, Jan Elovirta, Gail Kusek, Cindy Delpapa, James Levy

Guests: Sally Soluri, Ed Gibson, Sandra Jarvis

Public: no one other than the three presenters listed above.

Public Hearing:

1. Becket Arts Center Request for \$35,000.00. Jan questioned the warranty time frame of the paint to be used. The paint type was included in the proposal.
2. Town of Becket Historical Commission request for \$3,500.00 for the purchase of two 1800 portraits of Abel and Lydia Dewey, early residents of Becket. We asked that an appraisal be done before the actual purchase.
3. Town of Becket Selectmen request for \$29,000.00 to be used as a portion of the town's \$60,000.00 share of a proposed Community Development Block Grant of \$600,000.00. Grants given to town recipients would be returned to the town if the improved property was sold within thirty years. After that grantees would not have to return funds to the town.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45 P.M.

CPC Meeting opened 6:46 P.M.

1. Cindy made a motion to accept that \$8,108.00 of a 2016 request by the Becket Athenaeum for storm windows would not be needed and to return \$4,108.00 to the Historical Preservation Account and return \$4,000.00 to the Undesignated Budget Account. Jan seconded. All approved.
2. Discussed BAC request for \$35,000.00. Jan questioned whether this project was truly renovation/restoration or was it routine maintenance. He felt it was not. Repairing the wood is acceptable. Others felt that since we had previously voted funds to Becket Athenaeum and the Mullen House for

external restoration and painting that this request fell within the acceptable boundaries of the CPA. Rita made a motion to fund this request. Jan seconded. Vote was five in favor and one no vote. Motion passed. James Levy excused himself from this meeting as he had to attend the Planning Board Meeting next door.

3. Rita and Gail recused themselves from the next discussion for the Becket Historical Commission request for \$3,500.00 as they are both members of that commission. Jan made a motion to fund this project. Cindy seconded. It was noted that we now did not have a quorum and so we asked James to return to this meeting for the vote. He did return and then the remaining four voted in favor of this project. James returned to the Planning Board meeting.
4. Gail made a motion to fund the Selectmen's request for \$29,000.00 for Becket's portion of the CDBG. Cindy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
5. Rita made a motion that we submit an article for the ATM regarding the amounts that we expect to receive from the state with the understanding that the town administrator may adjust the amounts when he receives the notice of the actual amounts from the state. Jan seconded. Passed.
6. We suggested funding the BAC by using \$5,000.00 from the Historical Preservation Reserve Account and \$30,000.00 from the Undesignated Reserve Account. We suggested that we fund the BHC request with \$3,500.00 from the Historical Preservation Reserve account. We suggested that the selectmen's request for \$29,000.00 be funded from the Community Housing Reserve account. Cindy made the motion to do this and Jan seconded. We voted unanimously to submit these proposals to the town administrator to be written as articles for the Annual Town Meeting on May 13th. Rita will send the source of funding for each proposal to Mr. Gibson and he agreed to write up the articles.
7. Cindy made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8th CPC meeting. Jan seconded. Passed

Old Business:

1. Rita showed the check off form to be attached to the file for each proposal to record the dates of each step of the process. We reviewed it and found it to be acceptable. Cindy will meet with the voted on requestees to sign off on the MOU form. We discussed who would receive the bills submitted by the ATM voted applicants. It was decided that Rita (and possibly the town administrator) would record on the form and then submit the bills to the town treasurer. The file forms will be in the CPC drawer in the copier office.

New Business:

1. We decided to ask the Becket Land Trust to sign off on the extension form if they plan to pursue the earlier request for \$8,000.00 for land acquisition. If they are not going to do that then they should inform us so that we can return those designated funds to the proper budget account. Rita will take the form to the BLT meeting on April 10th at the Mullen House.

Next meeting will be as needed. Otherwise, we will meet on the first Wednesday in March of 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jan. Seconded by Neil. All agreed.

We adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, Secretary