

Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
26 January 2022
Stockbridge Town Hall, 4:00pm

The meeting proceeded without the remote access, as we had a quorum for the folks who opted to attend in person in order to shorten the meeting to be held February 1 at 4pm. A recording of the meeting can be available upon request.

Present: Sally Underwood-Miller [presiding], Linda Jackson, Tom Stokes, Patrick White and Carole Owens.

Also present: Arthur Dutil, Bronly Boyd, Joseph Nicolosi, Doug Goudey, Donna Hassler, Gerard Blache, Laurie Norton Moffatt.

Donna Hassler and Gerry Blache described Chesterwood's plans to restore the gardens as designed by Mr. French. Part of the project will need to include the restoration of the stone walls. They will also need to address the drainage for all this work to begin. This will be a multi-year project. This year they are requesting \$20000 to redo the drainage on site. Chesterwood, as with several other non-profits, affords free admission to Stockbridge residents. This kind of public outreach to the town provides an additional benefit allowing visitation to the beautiful grounds and museum. This money, if approved, would help leverage other grant money they will seek.

Doug Goudey of the Stockbridge Land Trust updated the Committee on the progress being made to finally accomplish the Conservation Restriction on the 35.65 acres that comprise the Loveless property on the south side of Rte 102 west of Stockbridge. The plan to combine the CRs for both the open space and the homestead has turned out to be impractical, so the proposal has taken longer than expected. They expect it to be finalized sometime this year.

Bronley Boyd and Joe Nicolosi represented the First Congregational Church regarding their plans to upgrade their handicapped ramp leading to the Johathan Edwards room. The current ramp is not up to code. The church is used for many public functions, so this issue must be addressed. They have had Peter Hamm of Historic Restoration Associates do a thorough review of the property. The restoration and upgrades, including the heat system, among others, are expected to total \$1.2million. The church will raise \$850000 and seek grants for the remainder. CPA funding is often critical for leveraging funding from other sources.

Laurie Norton Moffat represented the Norman Rockwell Museum. They are requesting \$4999 from the CPC Administrative funds to continue the structural report for Linwood House and its outlying buildings. They have raised an additional \$15000 toward this project. The concerns with COVID have delayed the project somewhat.

Arthur Dutil represented Friends of Gould Meadows. They, once again, are asking for funds to continue their much-needed work on the Gould Meadows property.

- 1) They are asking for \$5250 to be paired with funding from the MA Forest Stewardship program to continue the removal of the invasive Kiwi plant. The work is being done by Native Habitat Restoration, and uses mechanical means to remove the plants. Debris is burned.
- 2) To hire a company to stump grind any trees that must be removed to reclaim the open field. \$2000
- 3) To hire a professional tree company to remove trees too large to be done by volunteers. \$500
- 4) To replace the plank floor in the Milk Shed. Materials that can be repurposed will be used, and new plank flooring to match will be used as necessary. This will be the last phase of the restoration of the Milk Shed. \$2500
- 5) Paint for the Milk Shed. \$400
- 6) The wood fencing in the parking lot off 183 has been knocked down and damaged. The proposal is to replace the wood fence with a stone wall using stone reclaimed from the bridge work on 183. This will be a 3-year project. They are asking for \$5000.

The total request for Gould Meadows will be \$15,500, and will involve both Historic Preservation and Open Space/Recreation funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The calendar for FY23 was set as follows:

Public Meeting – Wednesday 26 January 6pm

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING – Tuesday 1 February 4pm

Deadline for applications – 11 February, Friday at NOON

Review Meeting – Wednesday 23 February 6pm

Backup meeting if necessary – 3 March 4pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Underwood-Miller, Chair