Community Preservation Committee

5 January 2023

Present: Sally Underwood-Miller [presiding], Tom Stokes, Patrick White, Carole Owens, Linda Jackson, Jay Bikofsky. Secretary: Ericka Oleson

Also present: Ranne Warner

Tom Stokes made a motion to elect Sally Underwood-Miller as Chair for this year. Jay Bikofsky seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion ensued that we may need a new representative as required by the CPA from Parks and Recreation. Sally will contact Michael Canales and Steve Knopf.

It is unclear whether we need additional protections and/or preservation restrictions on projects submitted under Historic Preservation. Sally will contact Town Counsel for clarification.

The committee needs to create a CPA plan. Members will review plans by other towns. A committee will need to be created to look at this and develop a plan suitable for Stockbridge. Patrick suggested that there is money available from the Town to develop a plan. The procurement plan must be in place.

Linda suggested that MACRIS is an excellent resource to determine historic sites in town. This information would be available to homeowners so they would know when an historic structure is located on their property. This might prevent the loss of valuable structures.

There are some open space/recreation projects coming up – the Ely property, the Swann property, and Elm Court. Other entities are working on how to go about preserving these important properties. The Ely property and the Swann property both have the potential to impact Town water supplies. Elm Court borders Lily Pond.

Tom made a motion to develop a short list for the preparation of a preservation plan with money available from the Select Board. Carole seconded. Unanimous.

Tom made a second motion to leave the current process in place for this year, pending advice from Town Counsel. Carole seconded. Unanimous.

The calendar for FY24 is as follows (Town Offices and Zoom):

Public hearing: Thursday, 19 January 4pm

Deadline for submission: NOON, Friday 10 February

Committee vote: Monday, 27 February 4pm Backup meeting: Monday, 6 March 4pm

Respectfully submitted, Sally Underwood-Miller, Chair