

Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee Meeting
26 February 2021
Stockbridge Town Hall, 5:00pm

THIS MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

Present: Sally Underwood-Miller [presiding], Gary Pitney, Tom Stokes, Carole Owens, Patrick White, Jay Bikofsky, Linda Jackson

Also present: Laurie Norton Moffatt, Rick Wilcox, Ron Brouker, June Wolfe, Kate Fletcher, Tim Minkler, Ellen Spear, Jane Ralph, Michael Canales, Becky Amuso, Mark Wilson, India Spartz

Patrick White made a motion to send a recommendation to Town Meeting to set aside \$10,000 for the CPC's Administrative Fund. Tom Stokes seconded.

Linda Jackson took the Committee through the comments and recommendations made by the Historic Commission and Town Counsel with regard to those projects submitted under Historic Preservation.

The Committee reiterated its commitment to prioritizing projects put forward by the Town as voted on at a previous meeting.

The Historical Commission (SHC) did not feel that the replacement of the Mary Flynn sign at Gould Meadows which was stolen fit the requirements of the CPA.

The project submitted by the Norman Rockwell might be considered under the Administrative Fund. This might also be the case for the filing by the Mohican-Munsee nation.

The SHC considered the repairs to the fallen Heaton Court sign. It was decided that the sign was significant to the history of the Town, and the work should be considered restoration, and, therefore, allowable under Historic Preservation.

The SHC had questions regarding where the submissions fit into the regulations from Riverbrook. The house definitely fits the criteria under Historic Preservation.

The Soldiers' Monument, the Fawn & Heron statue, and the house at 17 Willard Hill are all approvable.

Tom Stokes recused himself from the voting on the Cat and Dog Fountain and Watering Trough projects. It was suggested that the Watering Trough project be submitted under Open Space/Recreation. Town Counsel did not recommend the Watering Trough be put

forward under Historic Preservation, as the Historic Commission contends that there were never plantings around the trough originally.

Tom Stokes made a motion to set aside \$50,000 for Open Space/Recreation. There was not a second.

Patrick White recommended that the Committee put forward to the citizens to take back all outstanding unspent money. This would amount to approximately \$74,000 which could be put back into the reserve fund of the category from which the original sum was designated. Sally Underwood-Miller made a motion to make the recommendation to Town Meeting. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous roll call vote.

Patrick White made a motion to take \$70,000 from the presumed returned funds and \$30,000 from the reserve fund to make up the \$100,000 requested by the Town for the Housing Trust. The vote to approve a Housing Trust will need to be approved first. Jay Bikofsky seconded. Unanimous.

Sally Underwood-Miller made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting to approve the \$25,000 requested by the Town for the completion of the restoration of the Cat and Dog Fountain. Carole Owens seconded. Tom Stokes recused himself. The rest of the committee voted yes. Motion carried.

Patrick White made a motion to recommend \$5000 to fund the plantings around the Water Trough under Open Space/Recreation rather than Historic Preservation. Gary Pitney seconded. Tom Stokes recused himself. Jay Bikofsky voted yes. Sally Underwood-Miller, Carole Owens and Linda Jackson voted no due to the potential damage to the trough, and the lack of historic plantings. The motion failed.

Patrick White made a motion to take \$30,000 from this year's allocation and \$30,000 from reserves to help restore the Soldiers' Monument. Gary Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

At this point, the Committee determined that it would be best to adjourn for a later date to finish the deliberation. Several projects have still to be considered. An additional meeting was set for 5pm on March 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Chair