

Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee Meeting  
5 March 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, Anne Rabinowitz

Also present: Laurie Norton Moffatt, Rick Wilcox, Ron Brouker, June Wolfe, Tim Minkler, Ellen Spear, Jane Ralph, Becky Amuso, Mark Wilson, India Spartz, Ellen Spear, Leigh Davis, Lillian Lee, Sarah DelSignore, Arthur Dutil, Bonney Hartley, Ron Brouker, Andrea Lindsay

Linda Jackson ran through the applications submitted under Historic Preservation for FY22.

Berkshire Theatre Group's request was for replacement of deteriorated clapboard and siding on the Mellen Barn. The request was for \$15,000. This request will leverage money available from the state.

The Norman Rockwell Museum is requesting \$20,000 for an Historic Structures Report on the Linwood House and outlying structures. They will be applying to private foundations for additional funding. Support from the Town through a CPA grant will aid in the application. Town Counsel suggested that this project be funded through the Administrative Fund. Patrick White made a motion to allocate \$4999 from FY21. Tom Stokes seconded. Unanimous. Tom suggested that the Committee wait for the Museum's final plans for Procter Hall, and reserve funding for that. After some discussion, Carole Owens made a motion to take an additional \$4999 from the FY22 Administrative Fund. Linda Jackson seconded. The vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Riverbrook is requesting \$50,000 to create an ADA compliant bathroom, a sprinkler system and an elevator. The committee suggested that the elevator and bathroom be submitted under Affordable Housing, while the sprinkler system should stay under Historic Preservation.

The Stockbridge Munsee Community requested \$20,000 for the preservation of significant Mohican history at the Field Arboretum through GIS mapping and deed restriction. This project will include the Field Arboretum in the update of SMC history in the National Register of historic listings for Stockbridge.

The Stockbridge Library requested \$20,000 toward the replacement of the HVAC system that was not replaced during the recent renovation. The Library has received significant

funding from the Town through the CARES act. This request is part of matching funding for a Mass Cultural Council grant. There was some discussion regarding the Town's lack of participation on the Library board given the significant funding received from the Town each year.

The Stockbridge Housing Authority requested \$5000 toward the replacement of damaged Heaton Hall sign. Bids so far range from \$15,000-\$20,000, but someone will be need to be contracted to do the work.

The Trustees of Reservations Naumkeag property is requesting \$7270 toward the preservation of the Frederick MacMonnies Young Faun & Heron bronze sculpture. This sculpture is the oldest in the property's collection. Linda Jackson suggested that the preservation include some extra protection against the elements.

The Committee discussed Kathryn Whitney's request for assistance with the reroofing of her property at 17 Willard Hill. Town Counsel reported that there would have to be an Historic Preservation Restriction in order for this to be approvable. The Committee needs input from Ms. Whitney before making any decisions. Patrick White suggested that there might be a necessity to have some financial declaration in order to qualify for the grant. Tom Stokes made a motion to table the request. Linda Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

The Stockbridge Housing Authority requested \$34,000 toward the replacement of the wooden siding in buildings A, C, D, E, F and G.

The driveway to Pine Woods has failed and will have to be reconstructed. There are potholes, sinkholes and heaves. Pipes have broken and water valves have heaved up. The water department has blamed it on "aggressive soils". They have been able to accomplish some repairs using reserve funds.

Town Counsel has determined that the replacement of the Mary Flynn sign at Gould Meadows is not permissible under CPA. The rest of the project is a continuation of the removal of invasive species, the creation of a walkway over the wetlands, and continuing tree work. Gould Meadows is overseen by the Conservation Commission. The Friends of Gould Meadows have hundreds of volunteer hours and a grant from the Forest Preservation organization.

Patrick White made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting that unspent funds and overages be returned to their respective categories. Carole Owens seconded. The vote was 7 in favor. One opposed.

The following votes to make recommendations to Town Meeting were tallied via rollcall.

Patrick White made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting \$13,000 toward the HVAC system for the Library. He subsequently withdrew the motion. Gary Pitney recommended \$10,000 for the HVAC system. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

Tom Stokes made a motion to reduce the recommendation to Town Meeting for Naumkeag to \$5000. Gary Pitney seconded. 4 in favor. 4 opposed. Motion failed. Carole Owens made a motion to recommend the full \$7,270 be put forward at Town Meeting, Linda Jackson seconded. Five in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$34000 toward the replacement siding for the Stockbridge Housing Authority. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

Anne Rabinowitz made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$5000 toward the restoration of the Heaton Hall sign. Jay Bikofsky seconded. Unanimous.

Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$15,000 for the siding and trim on the Mellen Barn. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

Carole Owens made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$20,000 for the GIS mapping, deed restriction and preparation for the historic listing for the Stockbridge Munsee Community assessment of the Field Arboretum. Linda Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for the Friends of Gould Meadows \$11750 for walkway, tree work and invasive plant removal. Anne Rabinowitz seconded. Unanimous.

Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$17,000 for Riverbrook under Historic Preservation and \$33,000 under Affordable Housing. Jay Bikofsky seconded. Unanimous.

Patrick White made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting for \$75,000 for the Pinewoods driveway. Linda Jackson seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Chair