

Town of Lenox

Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

January 22, 2018

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman Tony Patella, Vice Chair Tom Delasco, Planning Board; Cathie May (CM), Housing Authority; Olga Weiss (OW), Historical Commission; Channing Gibson (CG), Board of Selectmen; Joe Strauch (Conservation Commission); Gene Chague (At Large); Frederick Keator (At Large)

Participating Remotely: Al Harper (AH), At Large

Staff Present: Gwen Miller (GM), Land Use Director

In Attendance: Kate McNulty-Vaughan, Sean McCusker (FMHS), Eileen Mahoney (Trinity Church), Ross Jolly (The Mount)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 13th were approved with FK and TP abstaining.

Discussion of Potential Library Step Disposition

The CPC approved funding to replace worn out marble steps at the Lenox Library in 2015. The project has been completed, and the Department of Public Works has not found a suitable use for the the old steps. CPC at the time of the approval in 2015 requested the steps be re-used. The Committee voted to approve the disposition of the steps. OW noted she hoped DPW would look into reusing the marble for steps at Church on the Hill cemetery.

Application Updates

GM noted the Town was withdrawing its application for land acquisition, as the owners of the parcel in question had the property under agreement with a solar developer.

Review of Phase 2 Applications

The Committee discussed and approved the Phase 2, FY19 CPC Funding requests:

1. Frelinghuysen Morris House and Studio (Historic Preservation)

All members approved award of \$19,185 to the Frelinghuysen Morris House and Studio.

2. The Mount (Historic Preservation)

All members approved award of \$75,000 to the Mount toward restoration of its terrace at the mansion.

3. Trinity Church (Historic Preservation)

AH abstained from the vote. All remaining members approved award of \$41,000 to Trinity Church for restoration of the west wall.

4. Town of Lenox

c. Community Garden

The CPC approved award of \$7,745 to a community garden, 8-1.

d. Shared Use Path Feasibility Study

The CPC approved award of \$20,000 to a shared use path feasibility study in a 7-2 vote.

e. Housing Trust

The CPC approved award of \$250,000 of the \$500,000 request to the Lenox Aff. Housing Trust in a 5-4 vote. \$83,559.94 would be taken from the housing sleeve, and the difference of \$167,000 would be taken from undesignated.

New Business

FK questioned why the Town would want to continue with the CPA when the state match continues to decline each year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.