

Town of Lenox

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.