



Town of Lenox

Community Preservation Committee

Town Hall | 6 Walker Street | Lenox | Massachusetts | 01240

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. @ June 11, 2018

CPC Members Present: Chairman Tony Patella (TP), Tom Delasco (TD), Frederick Keator (FK), Catherine May (CM), Olga Weiss (OW), Joe Strauch (JS), Albert Harper (AH)

Absent w/ Notification: Gene Chague

Also Present: Gwen Miller (GM), Steve Ball (SB), Patrick Brennan (PB), Becky Cushing (BC), Bill Gop (BG), Kate McNulty-Vaughan (KMV), Kinney Frelinghuysen (KF)

TP read the public notice of the hearing. Introductions were made by CPC members and the attendees.

GM provided a summarized timeline for the upcoming application cycle. Phase 1 applications will be due the first week of September, Phase 2 by October 31st. She noted that due to CPA resources, she anticipates a conservative level of funding and a competitive selection for FY20 project applications.

TP asked attendees present if they had any comments or questions.

KMV, representing the Lenox Land Trust, stated the Land Trust supports land acquisition by the Town going forward.

BC, representing Massachusetts Audubon, described a project Audubon plans to submit an application for. This project will entail improving parking facilities at Pleasant Valley, improving the restroom facilities, and improving a boardwalk walking path at Pleasant Valley.

PB stated he works at Ventfort Hall, and wasn't sure as to what specifically Ventfort Hall may apply for in the future, but noted several urgent projects needed at the historic mansion.

SB, representing Shakespeare and Company, said it is likely that Shakespeare and Company will apply in the next funding round for some stabilization work on their campus. He described the efforts to secure St. Martin's Hall, as well as the estimated cost to demolish some of the buildings on the campus that are in disrepair.

KF, representing the Frelinghuysen Morris Home and Studio, thanked the Committee for their FY19 grant award. He stated that the museum has more preservation work to do, including the restoration of another terrace and the repair/replacement of the roof on the house and studio.

GM stated she received an e-mail from BNRC (Berkshire Natural Resources Council) indicating their interest in applying for funds to restore a trail that will be part of the High Road.

TP thanked the attendees for coming. AH urged interested applicants to consult w/ GM before submitting anything formally to the CPC. GM provided a brief update on town projects. The hearing adjourned at 8:15 p.m.