

Town of Sharon
Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes of 1/30/14
Approved on 2/27/14
Sharon Town Hall
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Committee Attendees

Corey Snow, Chair	Jane Desberg, Treasurer
Keevin Geller	Susan Rich - absent
Stephen Rabinovitz	Anne Bingham
Marc Bluestein	

Others

Peter O'Cain	Lee Ann Amend
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Meeting Initiation

Chair Snow called the meeting to order and read the Chair's Report.

Community Center Gateway Project

Peter O'Cain Town Engineer came to the Committee to present the Gateway Project. He stated that the center support was struck and the structure needs to be replaced. The final design is not yet complete as it needs the review of a Structural Engineer. It was sent out to bid in December. The bid came in at \$137,400. Mr. O'Cain said they are asking for \$151,140 which is 10% more than the bid to cover potential overages. He said they will try and get some of the monies reimbursed from the insurance company and then would return the monies received to the CPC. Mr. O'Cain said the design was reviewed by the Historical Commission who requested a slight change to the sign.

Chair Snow said that with reference to the Gateway Project, we may be able to consider a vote. There are a few options of where to take the money from which include open space, recreation or historic. In terms of making funds balance and have the least constraints on the funds, funding could be taken from historical but it needs to meet the qualifications. He said we need to ensure it is compliant with the historic category. He said he needs to research this a bit further, if not perhaps it could be considered open space and recreation. Ms. Desberg volunteered to call the Coalition to inquire about this.

Library Project

Lee Ann Amend, Director of the Library came to present a request for new windows. She said that there is an enormous heat loss from the front windows which are currently screwed shut. She said she went to the Capital Outlay and was told to come to CPC for funds. She also spoke with the Historical Commission who said the windows should be repaired and not replaced. She was referred to the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund which offers a matching program but there is a maintenance restriction on the grant application so she came to the CPC. She explained that Heritage Restoration came and quoted \$17,000 to restore the windows and make them operable. This cost would include screens.

Chair Snow asked about the grant and Ms. Amend said that the grant request has too many restrictions. It requires looking at preserving the interior as well. The only piece that is Carnegie is the entry way, the rest was redone in the 1970's. Chair Snow suggested that she might want to add the safety grates into the request and it was suggested she obtain quotes for those as well and to combine within the application.

Chair Snow asked for the Historical Commissions vote regarding the window request.

Rattlesnake Hill

Chair Snow said there is nothing official to discuss.

Community Center Pergola Application

This application was tabled until the next meeting. Ms. Desberg said this item will be discussed at an upcoming Selectmen's meeting. The pergola is designed to provide shade to the area and withstand the weather.

Housing Authority Windows

Ms. Desberg said that the Housing Authority will be submitting an application for replacement windows of the 35 year old windows at Hixson Farm Road apartments. They will be receiving monies from the state but not enough for the project. There are six apartment buildings and one has been completed already. Chair Snow commented that in 2006/2007 CPA monies were provided to Hixson for new roofs.

Other

Chair Snow reported that the Annual Report entry was completed for 2013.

Chair Snow commented that the State match came in at \$211,000 which is double of what it has been. It is now a 52% match. He said the Town side revenue was \$404,000.

Minutes

Mr. Bluestein moved to approve the minutes of 10/16/13 as presented. Mr. Geller seconded the motion and the Committee voted 4-0-2 in favor of approval.

Next Meeting

2/27/14

Adjournment

Ms. Bingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Ms. Desberg seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of adjourning.