

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00PM
REMOTE LOCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Lara Dubin, Chair (LD), Tony Mateo (TM), Bob Emberley (BE), Lindsay McCarthy(LM), Robin Conley (RC), Mary King (MK), Tammy Pelletier (TP)

Members Absent: Susan Space

Others in Attendance: Wendy M. Levy, Board Recorder; Sue Ross; Martha Tenney, Marcia Edes.

I. WELCOME

Chair LD called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. Q&A WITH SUE ROSS ABOUT NORTHFIELD HISTORY MUSEUM PROJECT APPLICATION

Sue Ross, president of the Northfield Historical Society, spoke about recent activity at the Historical Society's museum building. She said it has not been open often because of COVID and other concerns. The Historical Society's plan is to participate in the 2023 Northfield anniversary and "reintroduce" the Historical Society as part of the celebrations.

Martha Tenney and Marcia Edes, also from the Northfield Historical Society, participated in the discussion.

Sue gave a brief history of the museum building. Highlights included:

- About two years ago, mold and mildew appeared on the building's exterior, likely due to the presence of dirt on the exterior, and a lack of sunlight. It is unlikely the mold and mildew emanated from the building's interior.
- The building needs exterior paint, applied by a professional; volunteers will paint the interior.
- This building is on the National Register.

Sue said she had sent the CPC three quotes for power-washing and painting.

Sue advocated for town funds to be used to take care of this building.

A discussion ensued on the general condition of the museum building, financial concerns, the last time the building was painted (2013), specifics for the painting project, providing funding to cover unforeseen issues, the requirements for assigning funding for specified aspects of a project, and the Northfield Historical Society's other funding sources.

LM asked Sue to get revised quotes from the three bidders to include a special primer and two coats of paint. MK reminded Sue about considerations regarding the repair and maintenance of historical buildings, and to make sure to get references from the three bidders. LD asked Sue to make sure all bidders can do the work this year.

A discussion ensued on the three quotes.

A discussion ensued on the timeline for approval, repairs, and funding. LD explained the process: the voters approve the project at Town Meeting, and the funds are then immediately available -- it's not constrained by the Fiscal Year. Recipients of funds have no deadline to spend the funds, but the CPC will ask for updates once the funding has been disbursed. LD asked Sue to get the new quotes to the CPC as soon as possible, and to alert LD when Sue has brought the figures to Town Hall.

Sue Ross, Martha Tenney, and Marcia Edes left the meeting.

III. DISCUSS HISTORY MUSEUM APPLICATION

A discussion ensued on whether the CPC members support this project. Highlights included:

- BE supports it, and he recommended the CPC anticipate the Historical Society will need additional funds. TM agreed.
- LD noted they are requesting \$15,000, and the CPC can adjust the request to include more funding.
- TP said she has been a professional painter, and she thinks the amount is too low. She also supports giving them more funding, especially to do the job right. LD agrees.
- LD noted Sue will send them updated quotes in the next week, and the CPC can meet the following week to decide, and have the warrants ready for Town Meeting.

A discussion ensued on the First Parish Church painting project and lessons the CPC learned from that process.

IV. APPROVE JAN 26 MEETING MINUTES IF AVAILABLE

MOTION BY BE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 26 MEETING MINUTES. LM SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TM ABSTAIN

LD YEA

BE YEA

MK YEA

LM YEA

RC YEA

TP YEA

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

V. DISCUSS ANY UNANTICIPATED BUSINESS

A discussion ensued on submitting approved meeting minutes to the Town Clerk. LD said the minutes must be signed by the Chair, or a designated signer, in order for them to be official. TM is the CPC's backup signer. LD will print the 1/26 minutes, sign them, and bring them to the Town Clerk.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE