

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CMTE
FEB. 14, 2017 7 PM
TOWN HALL

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Present: Tony Matteo, Robin Conley, Tammy Pelletier, Lara Dubin, Ted Thornton, Carol Lebo
Rhoda Yucavitch
Guests: Deb Kern, Kathy Wright, Chad Glover

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Deb Kern presented the project submission for Dickinson Memorial Library (DML) which is to make accessible historical materials that have been donated since 2012. There is a growing backlog of materials. Staff of DML reached out to Simmons students and others to coordinate the project, but a certified archivist is needed. Katherine Nutter, Smith College Archivist, has proposed completing the task for \$850, including materials. CPC members asked questions. Deb finished by 7:12 p.m.

Next Kathy Wright and Chad Glover presented the project submission of the Northfield Building Use and Utilization Committee. The request is for \$100,000 for restoration of the front façade of NES north building (the former Northfield High School), as well as some interior restoration. They presented three estimates of the work to be done. CPC members asked many questions with much discussion following. Kathy and Chad finished at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes of the January 31 meeting were reviewed and one correction was made. Minutes were approved as amended 7/7.

The CPC members then considered the two project submissions. We questioned which town buildings are on the Historical Register. Carol Lebo agreed to confirm which buildings are on the Register at the next Historical Commission meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Rhoda/Tammy) to accept the Dickinson Memorial Library project. Funds will come from Historical Preservation. Unanimously passed 7/7.

There was a much lengthier consideration of the NES restoration project. CPC agreed to award funds for the North Building because of its historical nature. The following motion was made and carried: Pending verification that the North Building qualifies by the Historical Commission, the CPC is to award \$75,000 to Community Preservation.

We talked again about unencumbering funds totaling approximately \$6,518. Tony wants to unencumber three projects: Unspent monies for the Town Hall exterior repair appraisal; DML's unused monies for a storage cabinet; and the abandoned project to bring water to the cemetery. Motion made (Rhoda/Ted) and carried 7/7.

Rhoda inquired about getting the CPC allocation back to 3%. We discussed the necessity to present a slide show of the town projects funded by CPA. We agreed that the restoration of the NES North Building would be an excellent visual to the already existent slide show.

Lara volunteered to write an article for the Community Newsletter, and Tony will add information, for public awareness of CPC's efforts.

Tony announced that a member needs to oversee the projects and to keep CPC informed. Ted agreed to oversee the DML project; Tony agreed to oversee the NES restoration project.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by Robin Conley

