

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

September 18, 2018

Members Present: Ellen Preston, Pamela Tobey, John Feener, Hank McCarl, Catherine Schlichte, Barbara Silberman, Karen Carter, Heidi Wakeman, and Holly Clay-Smith.

Absent: None.

Staff: Jaimie Corliss.

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM by Barbara S.

Item #3 Approval of minutes for August 21

MOTION: Barbara S. moved to approve minutes for August 21. Seconded by Heidi W. 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Item #2 Vote to Rescind LCAT grant of \$50,000 awarded April 2016

Catherine S. reviewed application and process related to LCAT application for funding from 2016.

MOTION: John F. moved to rescind \$50,000 for LCAT grant awarded April 2016 and return it to CPA general fund. Seconded by Pamela T. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, Barbara S. abstained.

Item #1 2018 CPA Round 9 Discussion/Vote

Cape Ann Museum White-Ellery House

Committee reviewed the Cape Ann Museum's application.

MOTION: Hank M. moved to approve the Cape Ann Museum White-Ellery House preservation and stabilization project in the amount of \$50,000. Seconded by Catherine S. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Magnolia Historical Society

Catherine S. stated this group has done a lot of work to get this building to where it is at currently. There was discussion related to the second quote for electrical work that is still outstanding. John F. stated his concern that making this building ADA compliant is part of their long term goal and would rather fund this when they have all their ducks in a row. There was discussion related to the installation of the conduit. John F. stated he would like to see a more comprehensive project that would end with full ADA compliance.

MOTION: Barbara S. moved to not recommend funding at this time as there are too many unanswered questions, but applicant is encouraged to apply again in the future. Seconded by Karen W. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Annisquam Village Church

Catherine S. reviewed revised budget and project timeline provided, which pared down application to only work done outside of sanctuary. There was discussion related to what aspects of this project should be funded. There was discussion regarding the current debate related to using CPA funds for religious buildings. It was determined that there are aspects of this project that do not directly support the religious practices, but are solely restoration of an historical building.

MOTION: Catherine S. moved to approve the Annisquam Village Church: Rehab and Preservation project in the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of: repair and repaint nine small tower office windows; remove, repair and reshingle roof; and architecture and engineering costs. Seconded by John F. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee

Holly C.S. updated the committee on her research into the most historically accurate way to rebuild the parrot gun carriage. She stated that the Conservation Center at Clemson indicated the carriage should be built out of iron and they can help with an environmental assessment. The Committee agrees this is a worthwhile project, but requires additional information prior to recommending funding.

MOTION: John F. moves to not recommend funding this project as this juncture due to the need to obtain a proposal for assessment and treatment to meet historical criteria. Seconded by Heidi W. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation

Catherine S. reviewed the revised budget and timeline provided by the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation which clearly indicates no CPA funds will be used for the sanctuary windows. It was determined that there are aspects of this project that do not directly support the religious practices, but are solely restoration and preservation of an historical building.

MOTION: Heidi W. moved to recommend funding the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation “Green Envelope” project in the amount of \$131,000 with the condition that a construction sequence with dates be provided. Seconded by Pam T. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Magnolia Library Center

The Committee reviewed the Magnolia Library Center’s application.

MOTION: Hank M. moved to approve the Magnolia Library Center Handicap Accessibility Improvements project in the amount of \$90,000. Seconded by John F. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. This award would be going towards the following costs: Architect, demolition, men's/women's restroom accessibility improvements, electric door openers, and handicap accessible ramp/ rails.

Phyllis A. Marine Association

John F. updated the group that based on his own research he does not believe the project will be completed in the foreseeable future. Hank M. stated he has a lot of concerns related to this project's future and its ability to be sustained. He does not see long range viability. John F. clarified that the intended purpose of this vessel would be to utilize it as a classroom for educational purposes, but there is currently no permanent home. There was further discussion related to the sustainability of this project. There was discussion related to the past funding for this project. The Committee agreed this is a worthwhile project and would like to see them return with a request once they have a long range plan, provide information on fundraising efforts, and have a place to house the Phyllis A upon restoration.

MOTION: Barbara S. moved to deny funding for Phyllis A at this point, but encourage them to come back, even off cycle, if they have additional funding in place, a home, and a long range plan. Seconded by John F. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Discussion of items not on agenda

CPCs role in 400th Celebration

The Committee briefly discussed including language in the application for the next round of funding requesting applicants describe how their project would enhance the 400th celebration. Consensus of the Committee is that a project's contribution to the 400th celebration would not be weighted more than the current project criteria.

Affordable Housing

Catherine S. stated she had a conversation with Andrew DeFranza of Harborlight Community Partners regarding how to assess applications for affordable housing. He is willing to come and speak to the Committee at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2018

MOTION: John F. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Barbara S. 9 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaimie Corliss