



Town of Hingham Community Preservation Committee

Committee Minutes from January 4, 2017 – 7th Meeting FY2017

Meeting Convened:

Chair Carol Pyles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance from CPC were Jim Conroy, Vicki Donlan, Tony Kiernan, Larry Lindner, Kathleen Peters, Jim Watson, Gary Tondorf-Dick and from staff, Carol Costello. Unable to attend, Bob Mosher. AdCom liaisons in attendance: David Anderson, Tom Belyea, Lucy Hancock, Donna Smallwood.

Announcements from Chair:

Carol Pyles announced that HCAM was filming the meeting live. Carol reminded the proponents and announced that Jan 4 & Jan 5 were evenings for proponents to present a final project to CPC. The next time CPC will be meeting will be January 11th, at which time, the committee will be voting on the projects. There will be no final pitch from the proponents at that meeting. This time will be used to deliberate and vote as a committee. Carol also acknowledged a letter in the members' folders regarding preservation and repair of historic churches and separation of church and state; CPA funds can be used to preserve historic churches for the Town. CPA funds can also be used for ADA compliance at such churches. This topic has come up in the past, it has been reviewed at State level and also by other lawyers; these applications we are reviewing are eligible for CPA funds.

Approval of Minutes:

VOTE: On the motion of Jim Conroy, 2nd by Vick Donlan/Tony Kiernan the Dec 7th 2016 minutes were approved; the motion passed 8-0.

Presentations from Proponents applying for CPA grants:

Historic Commission: Conserve Historical Town Records \$6,500 – PM Kathleen Peters

Proponent Andrea Young from the Historical Commission presented on behalf of the Historical Commission. There was nothing new to report; they are asking \$6,500. This request will cover the restoration and conservation of documents that are housed in Town Clerk's office; they are Town records. (1635-1870 death records, births, death and marriages from 1645-1787 and early records of the selectmen.) This is not the last of the documents to be preserved, they selected the ones in poorest condition to work on first. Carol Pyles asked if they were to receive the grant, could before and after photographs of the documents be submitted for the CPC files. Andrea said yes.

Repair & Restoration of the Four Tower Clocks in Town: \$15,500 New North Meetinghouse, \$13,800 Congregational Church, \$9K William Fearing II Bldg, \$7,500 Second Parish Church – PM Jim Conroy

Andrea Young from the Historical Commission presented. There are a total of four Town tower clocks; they haven't been operating well for a number of years, some not at all. With the discovery of the warrant article from the late 1800's, the Town should be maintaining and keeping the clocks in good condition. Andrea presented photographs of the clockworks and an updated estimated budget sheet for the work. Due to the need to rent a bucket truck and engage a police detail for the work on the clocks at the New North Meetinghouse and the William Fearing II building and the re-gilding of the clock face on the latter, the request has slightly increased: \$17,670 for New North Meetinghouse, \$13,800 for the Congregational Church, \$15,170 for the William Fearing II Bldg., \$7,500 for the Second Parish Church, g. The estimated total for all four clocks is \$54,141.

Kathleen Peters asked for a recap of work to be done on each clock, Andrea responded:

New North Meeting house – four faces not keeping time.

William Fearing II Bldg – it keeps time, but does not strike and re-gilding needs to be done on the face.

Congregation Church – three faces seem to be working and one is unconnected.
Second parish Church – two faces are not keeping time.

Vicki Donlan asked where are the Town funds that were placed aside for the “time keeper” Kevin Rowe. Larry Lindner also requested to check with Ted Alexiades and/or Tom Mayo to see if there were any extra funds that were allotted to maintain and wind the clocks over the years. Since only one seems to be working, what happened to the funds for the others? Andrea said she would check. Carol Pyles questioned whether gold leaf treatment was required for the gilding. Andrea said that gold leaf would work better with the metal numbers, it is the classic treatment of a tower clock, and it would last from 25-30 years, while gold paint would have to be redone frequently. Andrea will also confirm that the cost estimates presented by the potential contractors will be extended beyond the stated 90 days.

Old Ship Meeting House Steeple Restoration \$42,024K – PM Jim Conroy

Proponent Tom Willson presented; they have **lowered their requested amount to \$41,103** and provided an update to the committee.

Trustees of Bathing Beach: Extension of Harbor walk thru Grove \$144K – PM Carol Pyles

Proponent Alan Perrault presented on behalf of the Trustees of the Bathing Beach. Also present from the committee were Ed Johnson and Chris Daley. Alan referenced the DCR (Dept of Conservation and Recreation) reimbursable grant that Larry Lindner mentioned in a previous meeting, that they looked into it and the application deadline is Feb 1, 2017; they would need to know the CPC voting results before then. Carol Pyles reported that CPC will be voting on Jan 11th.

Chair closing:

Carol Pyles reviewed past voting procedures with the committee and what would work for them this year. The committee agreed that the spreadsheet compiled by the CPA Administrator Carol Costello would be helpful for the January 11th meeting. Carol Costello will email the spreadsheet to committee members after the Jan 5th meeting.

8:15 pm Kathleen Peters made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Vicki Donlan. All in favor. 8-0

List of Documents Used at this Meeting:

1. Agenda for CPC Meeting of Jan 4, 2017
2. Draft minutes for Dec 7 meetings
3. Schedule of 2017 Projects Presenting
4. Documents of Church vs State

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Costello

Upcoming CPC Meetings:

January 5 – Proponents present

January 11 – CPC votes