

**Town of Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**  
Minutes of July 21, 2020

This meeting was held via audio/video teleconference as noted on the agenda for this meeting.

**Call to Order** 4:00 PM by Chair Blauvelt.

Smith called the roll and the following six members were present:

Thomas Blauvelt, Leigh Davis, Don Howe, Patricia Sharpe, and Karen W. Smith.

Also present: Chris Rembold

Absent: Lisa Bozzuto, Martha Fick, Jim Mercer

**Administrative Items:**

Reorganization: Smith nominated Blauvelt as the Chair for the next year. Davis seconded. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, 5-0.

Sharpe nominated Smith to be Vice Chair. Howe seconded. There were no other nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, 5-0.

The May 12 minutes were not available for review and will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Jeremy Higa joined at 4:06.

**Clinton Church Restoration (CCR), request** to amend its scope of work for its FY19 CPA grant to reflect the need to make critical structural repairs.

CCR Project Director Eugenie Sills briefed the Committee on their request. She provided a formal request letter and accompanying materials dated July 13, 2020. She said they found significant structural damage inside the walls and roof, so the funds they had hoped to use for phase 1 and phase 2 now need to be concentrated on this phase 1 work to stabilize the building. She said all other funders are agreeing to move the funds to focus on this work.

Smith moved to accept the changes proposed by CCT. Davis seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, 6-0.

**Review status of previous and recent projects**

Rembold summarized the CPA grants since the CPA's inception in Great Barrington, as shown in the spreadsheet dated 7/15/2020 and emailed to the Committee on 7/16/2020.

Since FY16 and including the June 2020 Town Meeting awarded FY21 projects, over \$4.48 million has been awarded. Projects funded in FY16 through FY18 are mostly complete. Overall, 39% of the funding has been to housing, 33% to historic, and 27% to open space/recreation.

**CPA Planning for the Coming Year:** Review and discuss.

Rembold asked the Committee members to review the previous CPA Plan with their boards and to email him if there are any comments to be included in the draft Plan.

The Committee decided it will hold the Public Hearing on September 8 at 5:00, and at that meeting will incorporate comments, update the CPA needs for the coming year. The Plan will inform the coming round of applications.

The Committee decided step 1 applications will be due on October 2 and step 2 applications on November 6.

**Committee Members Reports:** None

**Citizen's Speak:** None

**Next Meeting:** September 8 at 5:00

Blauvelt adjourned the meeting at 4:46 PM.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Rembold

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