

Town of Great Barrington
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Minutes of March 16, 2021

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

Call to Order 5:00 PM by Vice Chair Smith.

Vice Chair Smith called the roll.

Seven of nine members were present: Leigh Davis, Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Don Howe, Jim Mercer, Patricia Sharpe, Karen W. Smith.

Thomas Blauvelt and Kate Van Olst were absent.

Also present: Christopher Rembold

Minutes: Howe moved to approve as written; Fick seconded. Roll call vote: Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Higa-aye, Howe-aye, Mercer-aye, Sharpe-aye, Smith-aye. Passed 6-0.

Budget Forecasts: Rembold said current year, FY21, CPA collections are tracking this year just as they have in previous years, despite the pandemic. Based on that we should have enough funds in current year and based on this we expect them to stay strong. Staff does not see the need to trim any budgets for the recommended projects.

Prepare for Town Meeting: Rembold said Town Meeting will be Monday June 7, outside. He said our preparations involve writing the CPC report to Town Meeting which summarizes status of previously funded projects, and summarizes recommended projects. Rembold and Smith will work on the presentation to Town Meeting.

Authorize administrative funds for support staff:

Howe moved to appropriate \$300 from the administrative funds for support staff for the balance of FY21. Fick seconded. Smith summarized: Rembold has recommended allocating \$1,000 from the administrative funds for additional staff support paying project grant requests, to assist him in paying bills and tracking project payments.

Roll call vote: Fick-aye, Higa-aye, Howe-aye, Mercer-aye, Sharpe-aye, Smith-aye. Passed 6-0-1 with Davis counted as an abstention since the group could not hear her.

Howe moved to appropriate \$1000 from the administrative account for support staff for FY22.

Fick seconded.

Roll call vote: Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Higa-aye, Howe-aye, Mercer-aye, Sharpe-aye, Smith-aye. Passed 7-0.

Committee Member Reports: Howe gave a brief status report from Historical Commission. Smith said Parks Commission may have an upcoming CPA funding request for Memorial Field, and gave a brief update on the East Mountain property. There was a brief discussion of the Fairgrounds. Smith said the Parks Commission was not initially consulted and she does not know what will happen with that site.

Citizen's Speak: None

Next Meeting: to be determined

Sharpe moved to adjourn, Howe seconded. Without objection Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Rembold

