

**Town of Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**

Minutes of January 21, 2020

Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road

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Members present: Thomas Blauvelt, Lisa Bozzuto, Leigh Davis, Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Don Howe, Jim Mercer, Patricia Sharpe, and Karen W. Smith

Also present: Chris Rembold

**Call to Order** 5:30 PM by Chair Blauvelt

**Administrative Items:** Smith noted a typo in the minutes from January 6, 2020, and then moved to approve as amended; Bozzuto seconded. All were in favor.

**Conditions of CPA Funding**

Rembold emailed the Committee on January 17 with information about restrictions for the CPA grants being recommended.

There was discussion about the grant to the Historical Society for Wheeler Farmstead. Rembold said Bob Krol could not be present. Rembold indicated he had emailed with Krol who reiterated the Board's past concerns about a permanent restriction. Rembold said there is no legal requirement for a permanent restriction in this case.

Smith said this is a large grant, and supports a permanent restriction where if the property is sold the CPA funds return to the Town. Blauvelt and others agreed.

Rembold asked for more detail. He said if it were sold to another nonprofit who will keep the buildings, that situation would not be the same as selling to a developer who will demolish. It was agreed that the property should be preserved for the public and the buildings should remain.

Smith moved to require a permanent historical restriction on the property where if the property must be kept as a historical museum for the public and the buildings cannot be willfully demolished. Fick seconded. All were in favor. Mercer abstained.

Housing Trust Fund land acquisition: Rembold said the Housing Trust purchase of land will require a permanent restriction by law, so there is no reason to impose a condition on the grant. All agreed.

Smith asked Housing Trustee Jonathan Hankin if there are plans to do outreach with the neighborhood. He said yes, there are.

**Citizen's Speak**

None

**Next Meeting:**

To be determined

With no further business Blauvelt adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Rembold

