

Town of Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Minutes of February 7, 2017

Town Hall, 334 Main Street

Members present: Ed Abrahams, Thomas Blauvelt, Jessica Dezieck, Jeremy Higa, Kathleen Jackson, and Bill Nappo.

Not Present: Martha Fick, Karen W. Smith, Nan Wile

Also present: Town Planner/CPA Administrator Chris Rembold

Call to Order 5:30 PM by Chair Blauvelt

Administrative Items

Dezieck moved to approve the draft minutes of January 17, 2017, Abrahams seconded, all were in favor, with Blauvelt abstaining.

FY18 Funding Recommendations / Conditions

The Committee reviewed the proposed funding conditions drafted by Rembold. He said these were finalized at the last meeting, with the exception of the Berkshire Pulse historic grant. He pointed to the email provided yesterday; the shaded version is the correct final version. It requires an encumbrance on the property so that the Town would be repaid the grant if within 10 years the building is sold or if within 17 years the building is demolished. The second page includes all of the grant conditions including the final version for Berkshire Pulse.

Blauvelt asked for a vote on all of them as a block. Dezieck moved to approve restrictions/conditions as written. Nappo seconded. All were in favor.

Potential Off-Cycle Application

Rembold said the group looking to purchase the Clinton AME Zion Church had been considering an off-cycle application for CPA funds to help acquire the building. They are no longer considering that since their timing is to close earlier than CPA funds would be ready.

Town Meeting Preparation

Rembold will prepare the CPC report to Town Meeting, which includes the map of projects and conditions, and a summary update of previous grants. The Committee will host a "Meet the CPA" event at St. James Place. Rembold will coordinate. For other outreach, Blauvelt and Jackson agreed to be on the radio to summarize the projects. Rembold will work with the press. He will be at the April 26 "mini" town meeting to summarize the projects. He will work with the Applicants on the presentation to Town Meeting.

Reports from Committee Members: None

Citizen Speak Time: None

Adjourn 5:48 PM

Materials Presented/Distributed for this Meeting:

- Draft minutes of January 17 meeting
- Email from Chris Rembold to Committee members dated February 7, 2017

Minutes prepared by:


