

**STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**4pm, MONDAY, 26 February 2018**  
**Town Offices, Stockbridge, MA**

Present: Sally Underwood-Miller [presiding] Jessi Meagher, Linda Jackson, Chuck Gillett, Jay Bikofsky, Gary Pitney, Carole Owens

Present: GeGe Kingston, Mark Wilson, Kate Fletcher for the Cat & Dog Fountain/ Horse Trough; Deborah Greene, Norman Rockwell Museum; Ron Brouker and Arthur Dutil for Friends of Gould Meadows; Donna Hassler for Chesterwood; Pat Flinn and Shelby Marshall for Laurel Hill; Lillian Lee and Kelsey Matherne for Berkshire Theatre Festival; Nick Nadorff

All projects to be recommended for funding to Town Meeting have been reviewed by the relevant commissions and Town Counsel (TC). Any issues raised have been addressed and reconciled.

Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend \$10,000 for the Administrative fund for FY2019. Chuck Gillett seconded. Unanimous.

Chuck Gillett made a motion to recommend \$57,000 be allocated for the replacement of roofs on buildings A and D at Heaton Court of which \$25,000 will come from the Affordable Housing reserve. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

Linda Jackson, representing the Historical Commission, began the review of the applications submitted under Historic Preservation to be sure they meet the standards set forth by the US Secretary of the Interior's Treatment of Historic Properties.

The Berkshire Theatre Festival requested \$10,000 for the rehabilitation of the main entrance and façade. After discussion regarding the fine line between maintenance and rehabilitation, and assurances from Theatre staff that the projects did, indeed, qualify as rehabilitation of this historic building. Therefore, Carole Owens made a motion to recommend the approval of the proposal to Town Meeting. Jessi Meagher seconded. Unanimous.

Chesterwood proposes the rehabilitation of the Studio Garden arch which has deteriorated significantly. With assurances from Donna Hassler that they will document for posterity with photographs and drawings the current structure and iron works, Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend to Town Meeting to approve their request for \$15,000. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

Town Counsel commented that the Laurel Hill Rostrum had not been certified as an historic site. In fact, it is listed as part of the Main Street National Register of Historic Places and the Massachusetts Register Historic District. Linda suggested the use of \$3000 from the FY2018 Administrative Fund could be used to further research the history and creators of this park. It is known that Daniel Chester French designed the earthen structure, but it is unclear who may have designed the Butler seat or the landscaping. Based on assurances that the research will be undertaken, Chuck Gillett made a motion to allocate the funds from the Admin Fund and to recommend the request for \$21,250 to Town Meeting. Gary Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

The Norman Rockwell Museum proposes to replace the roof on the Carriage House. While not specifically listed on the Historic Register, the Linwood property is presumed to be historically

significant. The roof replacement will be a 3-year project due to its complexity. Gary Pitney made a motion to recommend their request for \$50,000 to Town Meeting. Carole Owens seconded. Unanimous.

The Cat and Dog Fountain Committee representing the Town of Stockbridge requested \$15,000 for the preservation of the Horse Trough. On advice of TC, the plantings described in the proposal are not included in the funding request. As the plantings had not actually been factored into the request, Carole Owens made a motion to recommend the request to Town Meeting. Gary Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

The Cat and Dog Fountain Committee representing the Town of Stockbridge requested \$45,000 for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Cat and Dog Fountain. Included in their request was the creation of a mold which was questioned by TC. Considerable discussion ensued as to the merits of this request. Based on the need to document the original structure, which may be done in several ways including a 3D computer generated scan, Linda recommended that \$3000 be allocated from the FY2018 Administrative Fund to further this documentation. The mold that had been made for the last restoration plan has gone missing, so it is critical that a record of the original be created. There was discussion concerned with the results of the traffic study for the intersection of 102/Rte 7, but the assertion was made that the Fountain is deteriorating due to acid rain and other factors, and parts are missing. This work needs to be done regardless, even if the structure needs to be moved, before any more damage is done. Based on this pledged documentation and the recommendations of the expert consultant, Gary Pitney made a motion to allocate the funds from the Admin Fund and refer the request to Town Meeting for approval. Jessi Meagher seconded. Jay Bikofsky abstained. The motion passed. 6-0-1

With the clarification that the request for \$44,500 to preserve and rehabilitate the grounds and pathway comprising the Laurel Hill is made under Open Space/Recreation, Carole Owens made a motion to recommend the funding to Town Meeting. Gary Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

The Friends of Gould Meadows requested \$5500 to stabilize the west wall and the sills of the Milking Barn until the final preservation work begins. The stone foundation will need to be reset. A comprehensive architectural plan created by Jack Sobon for the building's preservation does not outline a step by step process. Linda recommended that a timeline be contracted for with the use of \$3000 from the Administrative Fund. Carole Owens made a motion to allocate the funds from the Admin Fund and present the project for approval at Town Meeting. Chuck Gillett seconded. Unanimous.

With primarily volunteer labor, The Friends of Gould Meadows have cleared away undergrowth and invasive species in the hedgerows. The mowing work undertaken 2x a season has improved the condition of the hay to where the contractor has agreed to do one of the mowings in return for taking the hay. They clarified that their request for \$5500 for the mowing, signage and benches for the meadow was made under Open Space/Recreation. Based on that clarification, Carole Owens made a motion to recommend the expenditure to Town Meeting. Gary Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

Gary Pitney made a motion at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Representative: Sally Underwood-Miller – Chair  
Board of Assessors Representative: Gary Pitney  
Finance Committee Representative: Jay Bikofsky  
Parks & Recreation Representative: Steve Knopf  
Housing Authority Representative: Chuck Gillett  
Historical Commission Representative: Linda Jackson  
Selectmen Representative: Carole Owens

Selectmen Representative: Jessi Meagher

Planning Board Representative: Ruth Pearce