

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022

7:00pm – Community Meeting Room of the Hudson Police Station

Members Present:

Chairman John Parent Stephen Domenicucci
Robert D’Amelio Peter Breton
George Luoto Brandon Parker

Absent:

Linda Ghiloni
Joseph Durant
Jay Roan

Applications for Funding

1. Historic Properties

Al Morel discussed proposed changes to the Historic Commissions request. The original request called for 3 additional sign markers similar to the Unitarian Church marker approved at the November 2021 town meeting at a cost of \$11,550. Mr. Morel stated he received a referral from Brandon Parker to a sign company that could provide the same quality of signage at a substantial reduction in cost. The revised proposal calls for a total of seven signs, four signs will be funded by the \$3,550 approved previously and three additional signs at a cost of \$2620, with installation, provided by local contractors at a cost of \$2450 for a grand total of \$5070. The seven markers at various historic sites, within the downtown area, will be the basis for a walking tour with the seven interpretive signs. It was noted that a number of approvals will be needed prior to purchase and installation. For example, the Historic District Commission and property owners.

Motion made to approve \$5070 for downtown historical signage by Robert D’Amelio from Historic Preservation Reserve, seconded by Steve Domenicucci.

Vote: 6-0 in Favor

2. Fire Department 1886 Picture Restoration

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Sleeper presented a history of this historic painting of period citizens of the time. The 6 x 8 foot painting was gifted to the Picket Engine Co. in 1882, returned to Hudson in 1920, loaned to the Bedford fire museum in 1995 by the Hudson Historical Society. It was returned to the Hudson Fire Department in 2021. Unfortunately the artifact suffered substantial water damage. The Fire Department is requesting \$10,000 to restore the painting to near original condition and to hang in the Fire Department headquarters. The committee agreed this is an artifact of substantial historic value. It was further suggested that as the \$10,000 is an estimate and the actual amount can only be determined by starting the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Luoto, seconded by Mr. D’Amelio to approve an additional \$10,000 so as to not delay the project.

Vote: 2 in Favor; 4 Against

That amount was defeated. All members agreed an additional amount should be provided in reserve. It was also agreed that the subsequent town warrant article should have a notation below the article to indicate why the additional amount was approved.

Motion to approve \$15,000 for restoration work on painting from Historic Preservation Reserve by Mr. Breton, seconded by Mr. Parent

Vote: 6-0 in Favor

Financial Information

So noted and reviewed by the Committee

Minutes to be approved: Mr. Parent motioned to adopt the minutes of December 9, 2021, seconded by Mr. D’Amelio and carried..

Vote 4-0-2, Mr. Domenicucci and Mr. Luoto abstained

Meeting adjourned 8PM

.Mr. Parent motioned to approve the minutes of June 29, 2022 as written, seconded by Mrs. Ghiloni and carried....

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm