

MINUTES  
OF  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
January 4, 2021  
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**Present:** Daryl Crossman (DC); Ken Hughes (KH); Robert King (RK); Tobin Wirt (TW); Rick Anderson (RA); Matt Schimmel (MS); Kimberly Walsh (KW); Richard Claytor (RC); Steve Hayes (SH), Leanne Drake, CPC Coordinator

**Guests:** Tao Woolfe, Sandwich Enterprise; Mark Snyder, Finance Committee

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm by Chair Robert King.

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Items:**

- a. Minutes of December 7, 2020 – Motion (RA) second (TW); approved by roll call vote 7-0-2

**New Business/Pending Applications:**

1. Request for \$502,408 under historic preservation for the purpose of rehabilitating 136 Main Street.

Mr. Mark Romanowicz introduces himself to the board and presents a thorough PowerPoint presentation. (RK) thanks Mark for his presentation. (RK) explains that the committee will be holding off on a vote until the required historic preservation restriction is filed. (DC) asks about the cell tower in the steeple and if they are receiving a stipend. Mr. Romanowicz says a lot of that money is used for ongoing maintenance. David Cochran, the team's financial advisor explains that 25% goes to the operating budget and 75% goes to the capital budget. The capital budget is devoted to this project. (DC) asks if the lead paint increases the cost and if that cost is built in. Mr. Romanowicz states that it is; the project is broken into phases as they can't do this all at once. (RK) asks about the louvres. Mr. Romanowicz provides a detailed explanation of their purpose and how they will try and improve moving forward to reduce water getting in. (RK) states that his main concern is that the church is putting up only 20% of the cost and expecting the municipality to put up 80% of the cost. This might be a hurdle at town meeting. Mr. Romanowicz explains that they spent money in the past few years which brings their contribution to 30%; but he understands and this can be revisited. (RK) asks if the committee members have read the letters of support. (TW) asks if they have considered other funding sources. Mr. Romanowicz said only briefly. (RA) asks if it was ever determined how much money was left in Historic Preservation. Ms. Drake provides a brief overview of the budget. (RK) further explains the setup of the budget. (RC) explains that he can't support a project that doesn't protect the historic resources to the maximum extent possibility. He is not comfortable that enough research has been done. There are products that have been around for hundreds of years that could be used. The guidelines are to repair and not replace. (DC) expresses concerns regarding the budget. He also expresses concerns over the historical aspects. They do not want to get into the middle of two historic commissions not agreeing over the repairs. (RK) clarifies that they have already gone before the Historic District Committee and received approval. (MS) asks if the use of the PVC complies with the preservation restriction. Mr. Romanowicz will look into

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it and send the information to Leanne. Ms. Drake will look into it also. Mr. Romanowicz states that the alternative is replace with like materials. (RA) states that during Mark's presentation what really stood out to him was how they will install the siding and that it may not be evident it's PVC. (TW) discusses the 80/20 split. This is not a regulation every project should be viewed on its own merit. (RK) states that they will wait until the preservation restriction is filed to take a vote. Mr. Romanowicz thinks it would be worthwhile to return in February to provide the committee an update. (MS) asks if we could continue to the March meeting so the Historic Commission can review the materials and provide their opinion. (RK) thinks we could do both to help issues be addressed by March.

**Old Business:** None

**Tobin Wirt motions to adjourn, (MS) seconds; all approve 9-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Leanne Drake, CPC Coordinator