

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm via remote participation through Zoom. Present were Bart Hoskins (Chair), Carole Hamilton (Vice Chair), John Boris, Bob Callahan, Deborah Greel, Kate Martin, Joy Livramento-Bryant and Rebecca English. Also present was Patti Kelleher of the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development.

Review and Vote on Determination of Eligibility Applications Received

*Hamilton Hall Exterior Restoration*

Hamilton Hall submitted an application for exterior restoration.

Mr. Callahan asked if the applicant could narrow down the list of items to be considered for the CPA request.

Ms. Greel noted that the applicant has not identified the project cost yet. She recommended that Hamilton Hall establish a prioritized list and include costs associated with each item.

Chair Hoskins recommended the applicant identify the items that will protect the building from harm and are most urgent.

Public comment:

Michael Selbst, President of Hamilton Hall, spoke on behalf of the application and noted that they were looking for guidance on which items would be eligible for funding.

Chair Hoskins questioned if the work needed to be completed on an area viewable from the public way. He stated that he did not believe so.

Ms. Greel noted that Hamilton Hall is one of the most significant buildings in Salem and the Hall is engaged with the public year round.

**MOTION/VOTE: Ms. Greel made a motion to find the proposed project eligible, to be submitted under a CPA funding application under Historic Resources: Rehabilitation/Restoration. Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion so carried.**

Funding Availability Update

Ms. Kelleher presented the available funding for the FY23 funding round applications.

Ms. Livramento-Bryant asked for the budget to be sent with the application packet.

Ms. Greel noted her disappointment with the loss of funding from Footprint. She asked if the committee will have to determine eligibility and then rank applications.

Chair Hoskins responded that he hoped to complete the rankings at one meeting. He also noted that in the past, some projects have requested significant CPA funding in a multi-million dollar project, which has depleted the budget and left limited funding for other projects.

Ms. Greel agreed and recommended giving consideration for projects that have no other sources and may not be able to proceed without CPA funds.

Ms. Livramento-Bryant asked if funding will be considered at the next meeting.

Chair Hoskins replied no, finding will be considered at second meeting. He recommended that committee consider funding available and possibility of running out of funds if large requests for large project with other funding sources are funded in full.

#### Next Meetings

April 11, 2023

April 17, 2003

There being no further business, Ms. Greel made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm. Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Kelleher  
CPA Administrator