



Historical Commission

Town of Chilmark

MEETING NOTES - APPROVED

November 17, 2021 (via ZOOM)

Present for the Historical Commission and attending the Zoom meeting were Jane Slater Chair, Jim Malkin, Steve McGhee, John Flender and Alison Kisselgof Administrator.

The meeting came to order at 4:05 PM.

CPA FUND DISTRIBUTION: The Historical Commission received one application from Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association (MVCMA) for funds from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Reserves for Historical Resources. The MVCMA is requesting funds to repair the Tabernacle roof.

Jane asked if any members remembered the previous request from the MVCMA because she did not recall if funds were given. Alison offered that the MVCMA did request funds last year and received \$15,000. Alison went on to inform members the balances available in the Reserve for Historical Resources is estimated at just under \$200,000 but could be more after state trust fund distribution is received. Alison read a paragraph from the MVCMA's application for CPA funds describing the total project's scope and budget.

Jane said that the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) would like the Historical Commission's recommendation to support the project but the fund amount will be up to the CPC, which usually limits the amount given to out-of-town projects at 10% of funds available. Alison recounted the MVCMA's application request is for \$157,200 but that she was told by the administrator that the CPC would probably allocate \$15,000 to the project as was done last year.

At this time, the meeting was interrupted by Zoom bombers and members were asked to leave the meeting and return in 5 minutes.

When the meeting resumed, there was a brief discussion among the Commission members about the project and whether a recommendation would be made to allot the same amount as last year to the MVCMA project. A motion to do so was made by Jim and seconded by John. Vote = Jane aye, Jim aye, John aye, Steve aye. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the 3/9/21 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed by with a vote of approval from all.

OTHER TOPICS: Tea Lane Farm requested a reimbursement of funds for repairs and maintenance. Jim recounted that Krishana had requested funds a couple of years ago but the pandemic had delayed the work. Jim made a motion to approve and Jane seconded. Vote = Jane aye, Jim aye, John aye, Steve aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane said that Randy in Aquinnah contacted her to discuss a construction site in Edgartown where archeological remains were found and halted the work. Jane wasn't sure if there any protocol for Chilmark to be involved in the issue but she wanted to share with the other members and keep it in mind.

Alison asked Jane about the Historical Commission file cabinet that is currently empty in the town hall. Tim Carroll asked if the file cabinet could be removed. Jane said that she is holding the space for papers expected from Harriet Pattison's estate and would like the file cabinet to remain available for when these documents are received.

DOCUMENTS:

MVCMA CPA Funds Request Application

Tea Lane Farm receipts & request for reimbursement

3/9/21 Draft Minutes

NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING: TBA via Zoom.

With no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Kisselgof, board administrator.