

➤ **Article 9B: CPC – Steinway Library**

Bill Keohan, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, and Donna Curtin, Executive Director of Pilgrim Hall Museum, presented Article 9B. Article 9B asks Town Meeting to appropriate \$125,000 for the preservation rehabilitation and restoration of the Steinway Library at the Pilgrim Hall Museum. This would be contingent upon an agreement to allow free access to Town residents for 5 years and use of the Library by the Town for community meetings from time to time subject to availability. Pilgrim Hall Museum is the oldest museum in North American and is Plymouth's greatest repository of historical collections and archives. The restoration will help expand the potential and vitality of a nationally visible anchor institution, and will create new economic and educational benefits for the upcoming 2020 celebrations. The Library is a unique gathering space for public programs, presentations, meetings and events. The total project cost is \$210,000 for repair to the tile ceiling, flooring, UV, plaster, windows, equipment and technology. Under that space is a vault and archives and they are also in need of updates which will be considered later as a Phase II, estimated at another \$200,000. We would like to leverage the success of Phase I to raise additional funds for Phase II.

Questions:

- Will this project have to go through the same procurement process as town projects? (C Merrill)
Procurement law does not apply but we did receive 3 quotes so we're comfortable with the estimate.
- Have you looked at cultural facility grant funding through the state? (C Merrill) We have not looked at that option. We are looking into federal grants now. Will look at state of MA Historical Commission which does require a public bidding process.

Christopher Merrill made a motion to recommend Article 9B to Town Meeting. Sheila Sheridan, second. The motion carries unanimously (12-0-0).