



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEMO

TO: Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory & Finance Committee
From: The Community Preservation Committee
Date: Monday August 29, 2016
Re: ANNUAL FALL TM 2016: CPA Article 9B

ARTICLE 9B: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historical Reserve Fund, estimated annual revenues, undesignated fund balance, or reserves, borrow, or otherwise fund, the sum of \$125,000.00 for the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of the Steinway Library at the Pilgrim Hall Museum located at 75 Court Street in accordance with the terms and provisions of a Grant Agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval (unanimous)

The Community Preservation Committee voted 8 in favor 1 opposed of Article 9B at its meeting held Monday August 29, 2016

SUMMARY & INTENT:

The intent of Article 9B is to use the Community Preservation Fund undesignated fund balance for the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of the Steinway Library at Pilgrim Hall Museum contingent upon an agreement to allow access to Town residents 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 America 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 up coming 1620 to 2020 celebrations. The Library is a unique gathering space for public programs, presentations, meetings and events.



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William Keohan, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
Town of Plymouth
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Dear Chairman Keohan,

Attached is our updated application for a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant request in support of the Steinway Library Restoration Project at Pilgrim Hall Museum, for consideration at the 2016 Fall Town Meeting. Our original application was submitted in February 2016 for consideration at the Special Spring Town Meeting. The request was tabled to be reconsidered at this time. Per our communications, I am refreshing our 2016 application with revisions.

We respectfully request a grant award of \$125,000 for the Steinway Library Restoration. This project will preserve a remarkably intact early 20th century interior, resolve serious condition issues before they reach a critical, even hazardous state, and create a uniquely magnificent community meeting space that is historical, technologically functional, and accessible, as part of the preparations for Plymouth's 400th anniversary celebration. The total cost of the proposed CPA grant project is \$210,000; however, please be aware that the library restoration is part of a larger effort to upgrade the archival and collections storage area in the museum's lower vaults to 21st century standards at an estimated additional cost of \$200,000. The level of support from CPA funds will be fully matched in the larger 21st century Archives Project.

Pilgrim Hall Museum is deeply grateful for previous support received from the Community Preservation Fund. The Society is committed to utilizing the requested CPA award to help leverage other sources of support, and will actively pursue grant and donor opportunities to match every dollar of CPA funding.

Pilgrim Hall Museum is Plymouth's greatest repository of historical collections and archives; it's literally a treasure house of our past. This project will help expand the potential and vitality of this nationally visible anchor institution, and will create new economic and educational benefits for both the institution and the larger Plymouth community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna D. Curtin, PhD
Executive Director

