

Hugh Cargill Trust Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
June 4, 2015

Pursuant to a notice filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Hugh Cargill Trust Committee was called to order in the meeting room of the Assessor's Office, 24 Court Lane, Concord, Massachusetts

Present were: Susan Eckel, Chairman; Ray Andrews, Intake Officer; Paul Lovecchio, Treasurer; Judith Terry, Clerk. Also present was BOS liaison, Michael Lawson.

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM

Minutes for meeting of May 12, 2015 were approved. Because there was not a quorum of committee members who had been present at the April 14, 2015 meeting, it was decided to postpone the discussion of those minutes until the July 14, 2015 meeting..

Minutes of the Executive Session of May 12, 2015 were approved. Minutes from the April 14 meeting were similarly postponed until the July 14, 2015 meeting.

Treasurer's Report for June 2015. This report will be corrected and ready for approval at the July 14 meeting. Discussion and approval of the April treasurer's report was similarly postponed until the July 14 meeting.

Committee Job Rotation: Susan Eckel is new Chairman. Ray Andrews will assume Intake responsibilities. Judy Terry will be Clerk and continue to keep the spreadsheet containing information of past awards by applicant up to date. Paul Lovecchio will be treasurer. It was suggested that Christopher Corkery take on Tax Relief responsibilities. Susan will discuss this with Christopher.

HCTC job descriptions: This will be a discussion item at a future meeting. It was suggested that the job descriptions for chair and tax relief be on the next agenda.

Silent Fund: Ray has talked with Alice VanDeusen about her work with the summer camperships supported by the Silent Fund. Alice spends approximately 8 hours per year on summer camperships. Responsibilities include sending letters to Town social workers and teachers asking for nominations, then arranging for payment to the camps. According to Alice, she depends on the nominations from the teachers and social workers and does not vet the requests. Consequently she has never denied requests. \$10,000 is available for camperships. Recently approximately \$5,500 has been allocated for private camps at \$300 per camper. The remaining \$4,500 is given to the Concord recreation department to use for their camperships.

Tax Relief: Paul reported that the Tax Fairness warrant article was not presented at the April 2015 Town Meeting because the Tax Fairness committee did not think they were ready. The Tax Relief committee will ask the BOS to request that our state

representatives push a bill at the state level that would allow towns to adopt Sudbury's tax relief law as it is currently written. Sudbury's law allows residents 65 and older to apply for tax relief based on the Massachusetts circuit breaker law. One problem noted by the Concord Tax Fairness committee is that half of households presently on tax relief in Concord are younger than 65 and there are financial needs in these families as well as in the older households. Ways to adjust Sudbury's law so that younger households could benefit will be explored.

Paul described the proposal for tax fairness as taxpayer supported. There would be means testing. There is a question of whether HCTC could accept this responsibility.

At a motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED:** to adjourn the Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss individual requests, and not to return to Open Session. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30 am.

Mr. Andrews	Aye
Ms. Eckel	Aye
Ms. Corkery	Not present
Mr. LoVecchio	Aye
Ms. Terry	Aye

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hugh Cargill Trust Committee will be Tuesday July 14, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board of Assessor's conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Terry
Clerk