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Bourne Historical Commission
30 Keene Street, Bourne, MA 02532

Community Preservation Act Hearing
March 15, 2024

Chairman Neil Langille called the hearing to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members: Deborah M. Burgess, Blanche Cody, Richard Kantor, Neil Langille, and Judith Riordan

Associate Members: None

Absent: Jean Campbell, Karl Spilhaus, Toni Dering, and Steven Philbrick

Public: Benjamin Joyce, Cataumet Schoolhouse and Barry Johnson, CPA Committee Chairman

Applicant: Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group (CSPG)

Project: Fumigation for Powder Post Beetles

Funding Requested: \$29,000

Presenting: Benjamin Joyce

Benjamin Joyce said that all old buildings have a problem with powder post beetles. Some years ago they had saw dust, a sure sign of the presence of the beetles in the crawl space under the building. They had A-1 Exterminators come and boric acid was applied in the crawl space. But the beetles returned the next year and the next year and again for a third year. The problem has only gotten worse and the beetles are now in the walls and around windows where they are hard to treat. Treatment is hard to do behind plaster, boards, and sheathing. Fumigation is needs to be done.

The Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group contacted a fumigation company in Pennsylvania. This company reviewed the current state of damage and gave an estimate of \$23,999. They are applying for \$29,000 to cover any unforeseen expenses. The company will tent completely covering the schoolhouse. Gas will be pumped in and remain undisturbed for 24 hrs. The gas will kill all the powder post beetles and all the eggs. The gas leaves no residue. This is a permanent solution. Should there be a reoccurrence, the company will treat at no charge.

After discussion by members, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve this Application. It was so moved by Judith Riordan. Seconded by Blanche Cody. **Motion Carried Unanimously.** Five to Zero (5-0) Those voting in favor were: Deborah M. Burgess, Blanche Cody, Richard Kantor, Neil Langille, and Judith Riordan.

Hearing as adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Deborah M. Burgess, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda

Application: Cataumet Schoolhouse Fumigation