



**MEETING MINUTES  
OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell\*, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets\*, Richard Craig, George Cormier,  
Richard Sargeant, Vacant Seat

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Karen Autorino, Charles Burnham

*\*participating via Zoom*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Palermo called the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust Fund Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Tegu Building.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**1. Approve minutes 8-5-24**

***Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 8-5-24. Motion seconded by Richard Sargeant. Motion carried by roll call. (5/0)***

George Cormier arrived after minutes had been approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Review and discuss the quotes provided by Autorino for the Copley Country Club funding request**

Karen Autorino, speaking for the Copley Country Club, returned with the final expenses for her request for funding to repair the porch's rotting deck. They could not find another contractor to replace the current deck and discovered that more damage was done than originally determined. Due to safety concerns and oncoming winter weather, the work has started. The deck will need to be painted upon completion. Therefore, they request the full \$65,000 from the Copley Trust Fund. There was some discussion regarding the absence of a second bid for the work. However, under the circumstances, combined with the knowledge that the expenses would increase with a delay, the decision was made to grant the request for funding of \$65,000. Richard Sargent requested to see the inscription intended for the plaque prior to ordering as required by granting the funding request.

***Motion made by Richard Craig to grant the request of \$65,000. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (4/0/2) George Cormier and Richard Sargent abstained.***

**2. Remembrance of Gloria Wing - acknowledgment of the vacant board position left by Gloria Wing's passing**

Richard Sargent spoke of his long relationship working with Gloria Wing and paid tribute to her community-minded intentions in serving Morrisville and Morristown. She was a strong, influential

person always concerned about the well-being of her community. She was the Director of Nursing at Copley Hospital for many years and a leader at the Community Church of Morrisville. She was on the board at the senior center, now named after her as The Wing Center. The community is indebted to her, and she will be missed and honored by this committee. There was a moment of silence and reflection. The board will advertise to fill its vacancy.

#### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Members shared their memories of her life and the accomplishments of Gloria Wing.

#### **ADJOURN**

***Motion made by George Cormier to adjourn. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried by roll call. (6/0)***

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Submitted and filed this November 20, 2024

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

*Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next meeting.*