

**TOWN OF STOW**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

**FINAL Minutes, December 13, 2010**

**Community Preservation Committee Meeting**

*Community Preservation Committee members present:* Bob Wilber (Chairman), Pete McManus, Kathleen Willis, Bill Byron and Mike Busch \* (Mike arrived at 7:55 creating a quorum). *Selectmen's Liaison:* Steve Dungan  
[member(s) not present: Kathy Sferra, Wayne Fletcher, Dom Pugliese, & Bob Larkin] *Admin. Assistant:* Deb Seith

The meeting began without a quorum at 7:30 pm in the Town Building.

**NEWS & VIEWS**

- The committee members reviewed a draft budget for FY2012. Deb will submit the budget to Bill Wrigley and revise the budget when the Department of Revenue releases their projection for the estimated State Match.
- An abutter to the Plantation II project filed an appeal with the Zoning Boards decision.
- Stow Community Park is completed. The construction firm put in 2 new drainage systems to fix the drainage issues. The stolen sign was recovered.
- The next CPC meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>.

\* 7:55pm Mike Busch joined the meeting and created a quorum.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

G.H. Gledhill briefly proposed a potential Stone Wall restoration project at Hillside Cemetery.

- Front Wall – restore 150 feet
- North side Wall – restore 100 feet
- South side Wall – restore 50 feet
- Project not to exceed \$30,000
- There are some trees embedded in the wall
- There is a crypt on the right side of the front wall
- Every foot that you go “up” you should also go “out” for support
- Proposing an opening on the South side wall for a walk path
- The right side of the front wall needs immediate care (the left side is not as bad)
- The crypts at the back of Hillside may be a higher priority than the left side of the front wall.

Questions & Comments from CPC members

- Will voters be tired of Cemetery projects?
- Is it wise to propose a new project when the Headstone restoration project is still on-going?
- The project would need approval from the Historical Commission.
- Would it be worthwhile to have a professional arborist trim the trees (rather than the Highway Department)?
- Can the Cemetery Commission contribute any funds to the project? (G.H. believes there is about \$20,000 of interest for perpetual care)
- CPC members requested a walking tour of the Headstone & Stone Wall projects in the Spring. G.H. agreed and mentioned that the Headstone project is going to be re-bid over the winter.

**MINUTES:**

Kathleen made a motion to accept the minutes of November 1<sup>st</sup> as amended, Bill seconded, 4 votes were to approve (Mike abstained).

Pete left the meeting at this time – no quorum was present.

The meeting ended at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Deb Seith