

TOWN OF STOW

Minutes, January 25, 2010

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members: Bob Wilber (Chairman), Bill Byron, Kathy Sferra, Linda Stokes, and Mike Busch, Bob Larkin
Admin. Assistant: Deb Seith

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:45pm in the Town Building.

BILLS AND MINUTES

VOTE: Mike moved to accept the minutes from January 11, 2010 as amended, Bob L. seconded, 4 votes were to approve, Kathy and Linda abstained because they were not present.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Town-Wide Archaeological Reconnaissance Study Discussion Points

- Bolton and Acton have both done studies.
- Some members felt the proposed scope and objectives are somewhat repetitive.
- General feeling that \$25,000 would be the limit for this kind of Study.
- Consultants will drive thru town, pick a few sites to visit (there will be no digging), talk with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), local historians and local Indian tribes.
- The Study will provide a sensitivity map and guide for non-professionals to use the map.
- In general members felt the map, guide, and a possible by-law would be the most valuable outcomes from the Study.
- MHC knows of 2 companies that do this kind of work.
- Town Meeting voters would have to approve the sensitivity map when the Study is complete.
- Currently the Planning Board can not require an archeological study unless public funds are being used.
- The Planning Board might be able to draft their own by-law with suggestions from other towns.
- **Action Item:** Linda will meet with the Planning Board to determine if they support it the Study.
- **Action Item:** Linda will get copies of other Town's final reports, find out what they have done with them, and if other Towns have found them to be useful.

Cemetery Project

- Linda reported that GH Gledhill is working on a potential project for Headstone Rehabilitation and another Stone Wall project. He is getting quotes and will meet with attend an upcoming Historical Commission meeting.
- In general the committee supported the Headstone Project and thought the Stone Wall Project needed more due diligence to determine what a complete project for all Stone Walls would include.

NEWS & VIEWS

- We received the \$40,000 Federal Reimbursement for the Albright Easement. **Action Item:** Deb will draft an article for the newspaper.
- Steve Dungan distributed a Land Use Decision Making Template. It illustrates the different ways land can come to the Town and how the decision making process should proceed.
- Northeastern University owns 140 acres of land in Holliston and Ashland. Both communities have adopted the CPA and are considering a joint project.

VOTE: Bob L. made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, Kathleen seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deb Seith, Administrative Assistant