

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

FINAL Minutes, May 23, 2011

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Bob Wilber (Chairman), Peter McManus, Kathleen Willis, Bill Byron, Kathy Sferra, Dom Pugliese, & *Mike Busch *(Not Present:* Wayne Fletcher & Bob Larkin) *Admin. Assistant:* Deb Seith

The meeting began at 7:40 pm in the Town Building.

*Mike joined the meeting at 8:50pm

BILLS & MINUTES:

Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes of April 25, 2011 as amended, Kathleen seconded and 5 votes were in favor (Peter abstained because he was not present & Mike arrived after the minutes were approved).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The committee will wait until after the Selectmen's June appointments.

STONE BUILDING DISCUSSION: Bob said as part of the new elementary school building assessment a consultant did a study and declared the Stone Building not historically significant but some members of the community feel the building is historically significant, in a local way, to the Town of Stow. The committee briefly discussed the process that this debate went through over the past several months. Although using CPA funds to preserve the Stone Building was discussed at various meetings held by other committees, no project was ever presented to the Community Preservation Committee. In general CPC members felt that it was known by other committees and residents that CPA funds are available for this type of project. In general the CPC members felt it was unfortunate that no one ever took the lead on a formal proposal for use of CPA funds but it now appears that it may be too late for one.

STOW'S COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN - Members will review the Plan and discuss it at the upcoming summer CPC meetings (June 20, July 18, August 22).

PARCEL U-7 #34 GLEASONDALE ROAD: No discussion.

HISTORIC FAÇADE PRESERVATION: It is okay to use CPA funds on private properties but requires that the property have a CPA historic preservation restriction attached to it and the project would have to advance a public purpose.

NEWS & VIEWS:

- The Banks property contains 2 late 16th Century cellar holes.
- Stow Community Park is completed & the playground is installed.
- The Cushing Property is still under Chapter 61
- The Town Clerk is working on a Historic Document Preservation Project Proposal.
- Is there any historical significance to the house on the front of the Plantation II property?

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted By:
Deb Seith