

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, January 27, 2014

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Kathy Sferra (chair), Bill Byron (vice-chair), Dot Spaulding, Vin Antil, and Mike Busch. Cortni Frecha *arrived at 7:40pm as noted in the minutes.*

Not Present: Louise Nejad, Bob Larkin, and Rich Eckel

Admin. Assistant: Deb Seith

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30pm.

BILLS & MINUTES:

VOTE: Vin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as amended, Mike seconded, and approval was unanimous for the 5 members present at the time of the vote.

- *Cortni arrived during the invoice discussion*

VOTE: Dot made a motion to approve payment of \$1750 invoice from the Community Preservation Coalition for dues, Vin seconded, and approval was unanimous for the 6 members present.

PROJECT REQUEST RECREATION COMMISSION

Tim Allaire (Recreation Commission member), Laura Greenough (Recreation Director), Jon Sangermano (Recreation Commission member), and Dan Nicholson (Recreation Commission associate member).

- The Recreation Commission members gave a brief presentation about the Recreation area at Pine Bluffs (see attached).
- Pine Bluffs came under the supervision of the Recreation Commission in the late 1980s. No projects have been done since 1992, only maintenance.
- Camp Stow has been very successful and has brought more use of the fields and beach.
- The facility improvements may include: a covered pavilion, a storage shed, a small hard court (20x20), upgrade the bathrooms and build changing stalls, paver patio, split rail fence around the playing field, and relocation of the road/parking spots.
- Rough estimate for the project \$150k and \$15k for design funds.
- The Recreation Commission will seek donations of time, material, etc (anticipate 10%).
- Eagle Scouts are willing to do some projects.
- Laura Greenough will work with the developer/contractor and the Commission will oversee the project.
- There is a 100 foot set back from all boundaries in the deed.
- Timeline: Recreation Commission would like to have the new facility ready for use in November 2014.

QUESTIONS & CONCERNS FROM THE CPC

- Need to reach out to the Lake Community and gather public input, have forums, focus groups, talk with the Lake Boon Commission & Association.
- Need to investigate permitting.
- Important to have a well thought out plan especially due to the space constraints and environmental impacts. Might need to consider increasing the timeline.
- Access, roadway, traffic studies should be researched.
- Can parking be moved to Sudbury Road side?
- Need to think about possible historic artifacts.
- Is there a possibility of a walking trail(s)?
- In general the committee supports the project in concept and may be willing to put a “planning project” on the table for annual town meeting.
- Bill asked if the Recreation Commission would want to make future improvements at Memorial Field.

The Recreation Commission agreed to start the reach out process, look at the time table, and plan to meet with the CPC again in early March.

The Committee will meet on Feb 10th only if needed.

Dot made a motion to adjourn at 9:15, Vin seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by:
Deb Seith