

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, June 23, 2014

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Kathy Sferra (chair), Dot Spaulding, Mike Busch, Cortni Frecha, Louise Nejad, Vin Antil, Bob Larkin, Bill Byron.

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Not Present: Rich Eckel

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm. Cortni and Mike arrived at 7:40 pm.

BILLS & MINUTES:

VOTE: Dot made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014 as amended, Louise seconded. The motion was approved 6 - 0 with Cortni and Mike absent for the vote.

NEWS & VIEWS:

Kathy informed the members that Deb Seith has been paid for her past CPC hours.

Kathy mentioned that the CPC sign is now located at the bottom of the hill near the entrance to Pilot Grove. She placed the sign there after the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on June 23rd.

Kathy told the members that the 323 Great Road purchase is moving forward now. They have gotten the Mortgage Discharge and she has been in touch with Bill and the title attorney. Louise mentioned that she thought the closing had happened today as she has received the deed. She will forward it to Kathy.

Kathy reminded everyone that reappointment papers are due. Mike told Krista she may not get a majority of these until after July 1st.

OPEN PROJECT UPDATES:

Rehab Monuments and Headstones

GH informed the committee that work will resume after Labor Day on this project. He expects to use the balance of the CPA funds associated with this project (\$8,700). He provided before and after photos of some of the work that has already been done. The company doing the work is Gravestone Services of New England. GH also mentioned that he and his crew have done some work on stones themselves.

Action Item: Krista will copy the material for the CPC file and return the originals to GH. She will also make a copy of the Lower Village packet for Dot. Krista and Kathy will pick some of the photos to post on the web site so the public can see the transformation of some of the headstones.

Cemetery Wall Restoration (Brookside & Hillside)

GH provided the committee with three quotes he obtained for this project. He decided to go with Dave Clark who did the work on the other walls at the Lower Village Cemetery. He also mentioned that the Hillside location is the most critical and there are some concerns regarding removal of old stumps. No CPA funds have been spent on this project yet. The project will be started after Labor Day.

West School Parking

Dot informed the members that the parking lot has been completed, but the handicap access has not. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed. Ernie Dodd (Project Manager) and Dot are planning on visiting the school soon. They then will decide if they will continue with the project or not. Their next meeting is not scheduled until mid July.

Concerns: limited space, may change the look of the school, the school has only one door to enter through and there needs to be space for a wheel chair to make the corner.

Inventory of Historic Town Properties

Dot informed the committee that about 1/3 of the project is complete. She expects that another package to be done shortly. Once the project is complete the information will be placed on the Stow website and the Mass Historical Site. There will also be a copy at the Library, in the town vault, and in the Planning Board Office. The report will contain before and after pictures of the Historic Properties along with written text. The estimated completion date is the end of this year.

2014 ARTICLE DISCUSSION:

Pine Bluffs: Mike mentioned that bids will be received around July 11th. They will be looking at qualifications and cost. The goal is to try and get funding at the Fall Town Meeting. If everything goes to plan they hope to have the pavilion and storage barn being worked on from October to December of this year.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

July 21st
August 11th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Mike seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by:
Krista Bracci