

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, September 22, 2014 (Amended)

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

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

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Liaison: Brian Burke (Board of Selectmen/Clerk)

Not Present: Mike Busch and Rich Eckel

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:33 pm.

BILLS & MINUTES

VOTE: Louise made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014 as amended, Dot seconded. The motion was approved 4 - 0 with Cortni, Vin and Bob abstaining.

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS – TOWN CENTER PLANNING EFFORT

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the Planning Board’s request for up to \$2,833 in administrative funds for the Town Center Planning Effort, Cortni seconded. The vote was unanimous.

REQUEST FOR CONSERVATION FUNDS – DUNN PROPERTY

DISCUSSION: Kathy requested that we use the remaining Conservation Commission funds from a previous appropriation to purchase a conservation restriction for the Dunn property that is off West Acton Road. This parcel of land connects existing conservation parcels (in Acton and Stow). The purchase price of the parcel was \$46,500 and it was appraised for \$70,000. SCT will buy the property and the Town will buy a Conservation Restriction. The Open Space Committee has voted their support as has the Conservation Commission.

VOTE: Vin made a motion to approve up to \$28,500 of the Conservation Commission funds to purchase a CR for the Dunn property and pay for associated costs such as appraisal, Cortni seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CPC ANNUAL NEEDS STUDY

Krista and Kathy informed the committee that we are required to do an annual needs study every year. The Stow Community Preservation Plan needs to be reviewed and updated based on the needs of our community. In addition, we must hold one annual public informational hearing and publicize it in a local paper giving a two week notice.

DISCUSSION: The committee discussed updating the plan during our future meetings and have a public hearing the first week of June.

ACTION ITEMS: Krista will obtain the electronic copy of the plan from Deb and post it on the website. She will also make a copy of the plan for Louise.

CPC SIGN

The committee discussed the need for a new CPC sign or signs. Kathy mentioned the sign we have now is rusted, has a bent frame, is difficult to move around, it is hard to read and is hard to bang into the ground. Krista supplied a handout with a picture of the current sign and one she created as a sample on line. Cortni supplied a picture of Concord's sign and likes the idea of having at least one larger sign. Vin mentioned that he liked the wording Concord used on their sign. It was also agreed upon that it would be nice to have many signs to post at the various projects during town meeting time.

ACTION ITEM: Vin and Cortni are going to supply Krista with some sample signs that they come up with for a future meeting.

NEWS & VIEWS

Bob mentioned that the Housing Authority is going to be dismantled. Krista will contact the coalition to find out what the process is for designating another affordable housing entity.

Vin had a quick question about Track Road. He was wondering if it was going to be paved. Kathy said the Acton and Maynard portion yes, but not from White Pond Road to Sudbury Road.

Dot mentioned she has a project in the works, but needs more time before bringing it to the committee.

Cortni asked about using CPA funds to create a dog park in Stow. Krista will contact the coalition to see if this is possible. Vin felt it was a good idea.

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 6th and 20th

November 10th and 24th

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Krista Bracci