

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, April 13, 2015

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

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

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Liaison: Brian Burke

Not Present: Rich Eckel and Cortni Frecha

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:35 pm

BILLS & MINUTES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 as amended, Vin seconded. The vote was 5 - 0.

Mike Busch arrived at 7:40 pm

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve \$8,000 for an invoice from TOPOGRAPHIX, LLC. associated with the Mapping of Lower Village & Hillside Cemetery Project, Mike seconded. The vote was 6 - 0.

Bill Byron arrived at 7:50 pm

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve \$3,500.37 for an invoice from Marshall Gary, LLC associated with the Pine Bluff Design Fund Project, Dot seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7 - 0.

Note: The committee decided to pay less than requested with Laura Greenough's approval by phone. They felt that line items Bid Document Review and Bidding Assistance were not 100% complete and would only approve 50% of the charges submitted. It was also mentioned that the Planning Board and Conservation Commission may still require additional plans and that Marshall Gary will need to support Craig Martin.

Brian Burke arrived at 8:00 pm

CPC SIGN UPDATE

Krista informed the committee that the signs are being printed and she will pick them up when they are complete (most likely around April 24th). Krista will assemble twelve of the signs with the recently purchased rust proof staples and bring them to the next meeting on the 27th. The committee agreed to help distribute the signs around town on various CPA funded projects.

- Lower Village Cemetery (2 signs) - Dot and Bill
- Hillside Cemetery - Dot and Bill
- Brookside Cemetery - Dot and Bill
- Head of Track Road - Bob
- Pine Bluffs - Bob
- Minister's Pond - Vin
- West School - Vin
- Applefield Farm - Kathy
- Moseley Farm - Kathy
- Stow Community Park - Kathy
- Pilot Grove 2 - Krista

ACTION ITEM: Krista and Kathy will get approval from property owners and management before placing their signs at Pilot Grove and Moseley Farm.

STOW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

Dot submitted revisions for the Historical Preservation section of the plan. She felt the only part of the Historical section that needed work was the list of projects. She eliminated the Blacksmith's Shop and Old Firehouse descriptions. The committee members made some suggestions she will incorporate into her next draft.

- The 3.0 title should read CPA Funded Historic Preservation Projects
- Some where it should be noted which projects are complete and which ones are in progress
- The archeological survey project should be listed as a potential project
- A section should be added about the historic significance of the Randall Library and how sections of it need to be restored
- The Town Hall should be mentioned as a potential renovation project utilizing CPA funds

DISCUSSION: The committee decided to hold the public meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 7:30 in the Town Building. This meeting is required by the Community Preservation Act. The committee hopes to gain some input from the town about the Stow Community Preservation Plan. Krista will look into placing an ad in the Stow Independent to publicize this event.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mapping of Lower Village and Hillside Cemeteries: Dot informed the committee that TOPOGRAPHIX has started work. Most of the work is going to be done after Memorial Day because the ground is too wet at the moment. The project will be done in sections and the Historical Commission plans to have a weekday demo for the public.

Historic Property Inventory: Dot informed the committee that this project is almost complete. She will bring the book to a meeting for the committee members to see.

323 Great Road: Brian inquired about this project. Kathy mentioned that nothing has been determined at this point. There are some that would like the land to be entirely a park where other's would like to see some affordable housing. It may be possible to combine both. Kathy will supply the UMass report to the committee members per Vin's request. This project is not on the ATM warrant. The Planning Department is coordinating a meeting of proposers later this month.

Creation of Recreational Facilities at Pine Bluff Recreational Area: Mike informed the committee that work has begun and Craig Martin is now involved. There is a signed contract to renovate the bath house and construct the storage barn and put up the pavilion. Some trees at Pine Bluffs have already been taken down. The site work is going to go out to bid again. The project will be done in phases now and Mike mentioned that the Recreation Committee members are committed to completing the project 100%.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Bill mentioned that he approached Bill Wrigley requesting some space in the old COA area. He thinks it would be beneficial to have the Historical Commission and Ancient Documents near one another with a space to spread out.

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 27th

May 18th

June 8th

June 22nd - Public Forum on Community Preservation Plan

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm, Mike seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci