

**TOWN OF STOW**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

**Minutes, July 13, 2015**

**Community Preservation Committee Meeting**

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

*Admin. Assistant:* Krista Bracci

*Liaison:* Brian Burke (*not present*)

*Not Present:* Rich Eckel

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

**BILLS & MINUTES**

**VOTE:** Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015, Vin seconded. The vote was 6-0.

**VOTE:** Bob made a motion to approve an invoice from PAL, Inc. in the amount of \$5,347.80 for the Lower Village Survey, Vin seconded. The vote was 6-0.

**VOTE:** Kathy made a motion to approve an invoice from Marino Construction in the amount of \$72,808.38 for the Pine Bluff Construction Project, Bob seconded. The vote was 6-0.

*Mike arrived at 7:34 pm*

*Bill arrived at 7:47 pm*

**PROJECT UPDATES**

**Mapping of Lower Village and Hillside Cemeteries:** Dot informed the committee that she purchased 100 markers for \$3.45 each (paid for by the Historical Commission). These markers have approximately a 9" spike and can be mowed over without destroying the condition of the marker. In order to place the markers in the proper locations the Commission may need to rent equipment. There was discussion about extending the project in order to have the markers installed professionally since personal GPS devices are not as accurate. TOPOGRAPHIX explained that using flags to mark the sites until you have time to place the permanent marker will not work. The flags tend to disappear when ground crews are maintaining the landscape. More markers may need to be purchased to complete this project.

**Brewer Property:** Kathy informed the committee that the closing is complete and the town now owns the Brewer Property. The Board of Selectman are going to vote on the Conservation Restriction during the upcoming week.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Krista handed out a new project proposal that was submitted from SMAHT. She will contact Mike Kopczynski to come to the next CPC meeting to present the project in person. There was some discussion that SMAHT was asking for too high of a figure. The discussion was tabled until Mike gave his formal presentation.

Kathy mentioned that there is most likely going to be a Fall Town Meeting due to the Pompo Construction Project. The town administration feels that they should get support from the town on fixing the roof since it was not part of the initial proposal. This project came under budget so there is enough money to pay for the new roof. It would be more cost effective to fix the roof now instead of later.

Vin mentioned that Sudbury Valley Trustees may apply for CPA funding to help control the invasive species on Lantern Lane. There was some discussion on how to properly kill knotweed without causing it to spread. In other countries having knotweed on your property will lower the value of your home.

Mike questioned the members if they knew what other types of projects were being done in the surrounding towns that utilized CPA funding. He mentioned that one town had all their books from the 1800's scanned.

Krista asked the committee about the following projects to see if they should remain open or be closed out with the funds returning to their appropriate buckets:

- **West School:** Dot mentioned that the Highway Department has a plan to add a step.
- **Cemetery Projects:** (walls/monuments): Dot suggested that Krista double check with GH before closing out both of these projects.
- **Track Road:** Kathy suggested leaving this one open for an additional period of time.

Kathy mentioned the Mass state budget has not been signed by Governor Baker yet.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

August 10th

September 14th

September 28th

October 5th

October 19th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, Mike seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci