

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, September 28, 2015

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

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

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Not Present: Cortni Frecha

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:31 pm

Bill Byron as Vice Chair ran the meeting

BILLS & MINUTES

VOTE: Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 as amended, Dot seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve an invoice from Marino Construction in the amount of \$9,429.74 for the Pine Bluff Construction Project, Kathy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION

DISUSSION: The CPC members reviewed the warrant article and instructed Krista to make some additional changes. Bob gave Paul some background history on the warrant article since he is new to the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Krista is to forward the final draft of the warrant article to Maureen in the Selectman's Office.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the amended SMAHT Affordability Safeguard Program Article on the November 2015 Town Warrant, Dot seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to endorse the SMAHT Affordability Safeguard Program Article at the November 2015 Town Meeting, Kathy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pine Bluffs Improvement Project: Mike informed the committee that the sun shade has not yet been completed. Craig Martin was concerned that the prevailing winds could knock over the structure. The engineer is currently working on an alternative option for Craig to review.

Invasive Species Mapping and Control: Kathy informed the committee members that they have chosen a contractor. The company is Poalatin Ecological and happen to be the lowest bidder. They started work this past Wednesday by spraying the Japanese Knotweed at Tuttle Lane. Some of the weeds are already withering. The next step is to cut the dead foliage and burn it. In the spring the new growth will be sprayed again (3 year project).

Mapping of Lower Village and Hillside Cemeteries: Dot mentioned that she still has not received the 500 markers she ordered. She has to mark the sites with spray paint after it rains until the markers arrive and are installed.

Library Restoration: A member reminded the committee that Melissa is going to be using design funds that have already been appropriated. She is going to put out a bid to find a firm to develop a plan with specs.

Plantation Apartments: Kathy informed the committee that the Stow Elderly Housing Corporation is appealing the decision to the Supreme Judicial Court. The trial judge overturned the original ruling. The feeling is that this could take up to a year. It was noted that CPA funds have been tied up for a very long time.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON 323 GREAT ROAD

Park only option: It was confirmed that the parking would be on the property and the acreage is about half of the Stow Community Park.

Housing option: Some members felt it is too small to combine homes and a park. It was also unclear if the homes would be for sale or rent.

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 19th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm, Dot seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci