

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Amended Minutes, March 13, 2017

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Dot Spaulding, Rick Connelly (arrived at 7:40), Ernie Dodd, Bob Larkin, Atli Thorarensen, Mike Busch (arrived at 7:45), Vin Antil, Bill Byron (vice chair)

Audience Attendees: Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra, Steve Jelinek, Melissa Fournier, Peter McManus, Tom Lam, Sharon Brownfield, Kathy O'Brien

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Liaison: Brian Burke - not present

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 PM

MINUTES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017, Ernie seconded. The vote was unanimous (Rick and Mike were not present for the vote).

INVOICES

There were no invoices to approve.

UPDATE REGARDING WARRANT LANGUAGE: DIRECTION VS. CONSULTATION

Cortni informed the CPC members that she had a conversation with Bill Wrigley regarding the language that should be used in the warrant articles. Bill said he would like to see language that said: direction by the CPC instead of in consultation with the CPC.

KATHY SFERRA - Q&A ON CARVER HILL / SMALL FARM WARRANT ARTICLES

Kathy informed the CPC members that she reviewed sample land grant warrant articles prior to writing the Carver Hill and Small Farm articles. It was clear that the full amount be noted in the warrant article, not just the portion that is being funded with CPA funds. Kathy also mentioned that these two articles are very similarly written as previous articles that were done for Marble Hill, Flagg Hill and Captain Sargent.

Q: Will the CPA funds go to the seller?

A. Yes

Q. How will the closing take place?

A. There will be a three separate checks

Q. Why not have two articles instead of one?

A. The situation would be problematic if one of the articles does not pass

CPC Member Request

The members would like to see the following phrase added to both CR articles:

- Carver Hill: CPA funds will not exceed 1.4 million.
- Small Farm: CPA funds will not exceed \$275,000.

Kathy agreed to make the changes and forward the revised articles to Krista. Kathy will also adjust the language to the Town Center Park article so say ...by the Recreation Commission and directed by the CPC.

RANDALL LIBRARY HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT DISCUSSION

Dot informed the committee that she met with the Library and discussed three motions that they agreed to (see below). Dot also informed the members that the Historical Commission has approved the project.

- \$15,000 will be added to the cost of the project so that the artifacts can be properly packaged and stored during construction.
- A sub-committee will be formed (Whitney Group) to talk about how to handle the storage of the artifacts and their placement in the library after construction. For example, better lighting and less breakable display cases.
- Maintain the Whitney room as historical.

Additional Comments:

- Sharon Brownfield did mention that the talks between the Library and Historical Commission were going to happen immediately.
- Mike informed members that he and Atli have been to a number of the meetings and there have been some good conversations.
- Dot mentioned that the \$15,000 may be on the higher end needed to store the artifacts.
- Bill wants to make sure that the \$15,000 is only used on the artifacts and not other areas in the library restoration.
- Jim Salvie explained that the Library Restoration Committee was formed by the Selectman and should be named in the warrant article.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the Library Restoration Project, Atli seconded. The vote was unanimous.

WARRANT ARTICLE VOTING

Library:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Randall Library Historic Restoration article on the warrant as amended, Ernie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Dot made a motion to endorse the Randall Library Historic Renovation article to town meeting as amended, Rick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Habitat:

VOTE: Cortni made a motion to place the Habitat for Humanity article on the warrant as amended and also to endorse the article to town meeting as amended, Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ASP Extension:

VOTE: Cortni made a motion to place the ASP Extension article on the warrant as amended and also to endorse the article to town meeting as amended, Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Historic Documents:

VOTE: Rick made a motion to place the Historic Document Preservation - Phase II article on the warrant as amended and also to endorse the article to town meeting as amended, Dot seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Town Center Park:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Town Center Park article on the warrant as amended, Mike seconded. The vote was 7 - 2 with Atli and Dot against.

VOTE: Mike made a motion to endorse the Town Center Park article to town meeting as amended, Cortni seconded. The vote was 7 - 2, with Dot and Atli against.

Small Farm:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Small Farm article on the warrant as amended to include language specific to \$275,000 of CPA funds, Vin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Rick made a motion to endorse the Small Farm article to town meeting as amended, Atli seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Carver Hill:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Carver Hill article on the warrant as amended to include language specific to 1.4 million of CPA funds, Ernie seconded. The vote was 7 - 2 with Dot and Bill against.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to endorse the Carver Hill article to town meeting as amended, Ernie seconded. The vote was 6 - 2 with Dot and Bill against and Atli abstaining.

PROJECT UPDATES

There were none.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Cortni gave Vin a quick update on the CPC request from Peter Brown, he is the owner of Stow Acres. Peter has requested to meet with the CPC to discuss applying for CPA funding to help restore the historic club house. Peter will be attending the April 10th CPC meeting. Dot is looking into how to add the club house to the historic registry. Ernie has requested that we ask Peter for a tour of the club house. A few members would like to see if there could be a deed restriction put on the club house to protect the town's investment.

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 10th

April 24th

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

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci