

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, March 6, 2017

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Dot Spaulding, Rick Connelly, Ernie Dodd, Bob Larkin, Atli Thorarensen, Mike Busch (arrived at 7:56), Vin Antil

Not present: Bill Byron

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Liaison: Brian Burke - arrived at 8:17 PM

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:34 PM

MINUTES

A few minor corrections were suggested, Krista will change make the changes.

Page 1: \$15,00 should read \$15,000 in the Randall Library section

Page 1: End of the page, second bullet, last sentence needs to be removed

Page 2: Pompo was spelled incorrectly, the o was left off

VOTE: Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017 as amended, Atli seconded. The vote was 6 - 0 with Vin abstaining and Mike was not present for the vote.

INVOICES

Krista received a small invoice right before the meeting that needed to be approved.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve an invoice from McGinley Kalsow & Associates, Inc. for the amount of \$29.70 (Library Project), Ernie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

RANDALL LIBRARY HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT DISCUSSION

Dot informed the committee that no resolution has been reached about the artifact storage yet. The Historical Commission is meeting with the Library on March 7th and then the Commission will have their meeting on March 9th. Dot showed the members some photos of the artifacts that are currently on display in the Library. She provided Krista with the following documents to keep in the project file: Letter dated 3/6/17, Census on Cyrus Whitney and a packet showing different funds that were donated to the library.

Additional Points Made:

- There is a mylar film that can be placed on older cabinets to make them shatter proof.
- The Historical Commission would like the artifacts to remain in the library on display.
- Standard museum quality cabinets are very expensive.
- There is a silk flag at the library right now that is exposed to sunlight and needs repairs.
- There is still a huge question on what to do with the antique books and historic papers.

- There are two glass cabinets that are extremely large and heavy. They may have been built into place.
- Mike mentioned that Dot has been working very hard on trying to rectify this issue.
- The Historical Commission is not obtaining appraisals on the artifacts at this time.
- There was a comment about maybe bringing just the chimney repair to town meeting if the issue is not resolved promptly.

TOWN CENTER PARK PROJECT DISCUSSION

Mike told the committee members that the Recreation Commission voted (not a properly noticed meeting) to approve the Town Center Park Project. He also explained that the maintenance of the park would be approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year. This would be costs associated with cutting the lawn, trimming shrubs and raking up leaves. Once the project is done the Recreation Commission is going to look into how to fund the upkeep expense since the park will not generate revenue like Pine Bluffs. They will approach the town and request additional funds to be appropriated.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to move forward with the 323 / Town Center Park Project, Ernie seconded. The vote was 7 - 1, with Atli voting against the project.

WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

Cortni will be checking with Bill Wrigley at the members request about specific warrant article language. She will report back at the next CPC meeting.

Library: members want the article to remain simple and not mention anything specific about the artifacts. Krista is going to adjust the number to \$380,000 and the committee will review the article again at the next meeting.

Habitat: Krista will make the changes and have the committee review the article again at the next meeting.

ASP Extension: the members said to leave the article alone and they can vote on it at the next meeting.

Historic Documents: the committee found no changes needed on this article and will vote on it next week.

Town Center Park: the committee will look at this article closer at the next meeting.

Small/Carver Farm CR: the committee felt that both of these articles were too long and confusing. Krista explained that the CR articles were written by Kathy Sferra following the state law. Cortni suggested having Kathy attend the next meeting to explain the content of the articles to the committee members. Krista will contact Kathy and request that she attend the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE: March 27th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM, Rick seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci

