

STOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of October 8, 2015

Members present: quorum present Dot Spaulding, Patrick Hopkins, Marilyn Zavorski, Vellyn Antonelli, Rosemary Bawn

Associate member present: Margaret Barry, Barbara Clancy, Lew Halprin

Others present: Andy Crosby, Linda Hathaway

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with a quorum present.

The **minutes** for the September 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Aug. and Sept. reports approved. Donations from the Sept. West School event were turned over to the treasurer to deposit.

Building Permits: The building permits were reviewed without comment.

Public Archaeology Survey Team update: No contact this past month.

Community Preservation Commission: Dot spoke of the Nov. town meeting and Article 8: Affordability Safeguard Program, which will see if the town will vote \$220,000.00 from CPC funds to the Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust to buy the deeds at Elm Ridge.

Ground Penetration Radar and Mapping: No information yet.

Randall Library Project: The Randall Library renovation project is seeking RFQ's/request for quotes.

First Parish Church Steeple/Spire: Linda Hathaway shared her knowledge of how the steeple came to be stored in the town barn on Crescent St. The Commission will need more time and info in order to make a decision on the steeple's fate.

West School: The fall program with Kate Carney's re-enactment of Annie Sullivan on September 27th was a great success with a capacity crowd and great weather. A group of 10 volunteers cleaned the School the weekend before. We are still looking for members for a West School committee.

New and Associate members: Andy Crosby is attending tonight's meeting as a potential member.

Old and New Business: Dot spoke about her tour of Glenwood Cemetery in Maynard and being allowed inside the Maynard family mausoleum. The Planning Board is planning a walk through at Wedgewood Pines Golf Course at the site of new construction. Members of the Commission are invited because the West School abuts that property. The Planning Board has a hearing on October 14th concerning Wedgewood Pines and several Commission members said they would attend. There is also the possibility of a future walk through the historic Hosmer House near lower village. Stow's special town meeting is Monday, November 16, 2015.

Correspondence: Dot shared several email. Western MA Historical Commission is promoting a seminar in Springfield. Freedom's Way sent a notice of their Oct. 18th meeting.

Next meeting is November 5, 2015 at 7:30 at the Town Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

