

## STOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of March 3, 2016

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

Associate members present: Lew Halprin, Margaret Barry (absent), Barbara Clancy, Andy Crosby

Others present: Craig Martin, Gregor Trinkaus-Randall

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm.

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

The **minutes** for the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** No changes this month.

**Building Permits:** No permits available this month.

**Public Archaeology Survey Team update:** Dot received an e-mail from PAST who states they are still working diligently on Stow's historic home inventory.

**Community Preservation Commission:** Dot submitted an application to CPC asking for \$5000.00 for an additional three days of work in the spring/summer of 2016 by Topographix, LLC.

**Ground Penetration Radar and Mapping:** The two cemetery maps of marked and unmarked gravesites were sent back to Topographix, LLC with corrections and changes.

**Cemetery Policies:** The Commission members approved a draft of a letter based on last month's open discussion concerning new burials at Hillside and Lower village cemeteries. It will be re-typed as is and will be signed by Dot Spaulding, Chair, on behalf of all members of the SHC and mailed to Bill Wrigley & the Stow Selectmen, the Stow Cemetery Commission, and Linda Hathaway.

**Randall Library CPC Application:** Craig Martin, Stow Building Inspector, came before the Commission seeking approval for an additional \$25,000 for a study for energy upgrades to be added to the Randall Library improvements of the second floor, which was originally the first floor and foyer of the 1897 library. The Commission voted their approval and support of Craig Martin's CPC application for funds. Craig also spoke of a Committee being formed to make plans for the future of the Town Center buildings now that the COA and Fire Dept. will be moving to the Pompo building. The buildings include the basement of the Town Building, the empty firehouse, Town Hall, Randall Library, and old Town Recycle Ctr. Bill Wrigley, Craig Martin, and some town residents will make up the Committee. Dot and Marilyn volunteered to attend as liaisons to SHC.

**Stow Town Hall CPC Application:** Gregor Trinkaus-Randall appeared before the Commission as a concerned Stow citizen & MA Preservation Specialist who is looking for Community Preservation Commission funding to do a study on improving the Town Hall's infrastructure including fire suppression, roof, insulation, heating system, windows, basement, and handicap accessibility. He is looking for Historical Commission approval. Since Craig Martin spoke first and mentioned a Committee to determine the future of the Town Center buildings, the Commission voted and agreed to defer discussion of the Town Hall improvement to a later time.

**First Parish Church Steeple:** The Commission voted to release ownership of the First Parish Church wooden steeple to the Town.

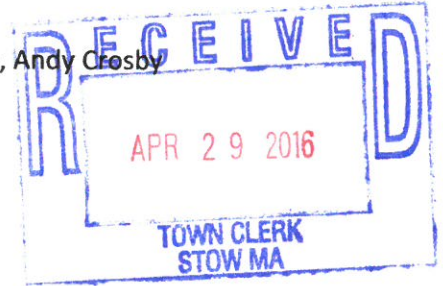
**West School:** There is a Planning Board meeting on March 29 at 7:30 pm, and all members of the Commission were urged to attend because Wedgewood Pines Golf Club is now considering blasting ledge for the construction of their caretaker's cottage. The 1820 West Schoolhouse is sitting on the same ledge. The Planning Board asked for Historical Commission input before March 15, so Marilyn shared a list of questions, inquiries and course of actions that were discussed and agreed upon before being presented to the Planning Board.

**Old and New Business:** It was noted that a Planning Board meeting will be held on April 5, 2016 to discuss a special permit for Bruce Fletcher and Fletcher Realty for a commercial solar photovoltaic site plan approval on South Acton Road.

**Correspondence:** None this month

Next meeting is April 7, 2016 at 7:30 in the Town Building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.



Respectfully submitted

*Rosemary Bawn*