

STOW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of April 7, 2016

Members present: Dot Spaulding-DS, Patrick Hopkins-PH, Marilyn Zavorski-MZ,

Vellyn Antonelli-VA(absent), Rosemary Bawn-RB - *quorum present*

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

Others present: Ken Banks, Gerry Kunst, G. H. Gledhill, and Don Hawkes-*Selectmen Liaison to SHC*

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm.

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

The **minutes** for the March 3, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion to approve was made by PH and seconded by MZ.

Treasurer's Report: No changes this month. Motion to approve- MZ; seconded –RB; unanimous.

Building Permits: Permits read without comment.

Public Archaeology Survey Team update: Dot received 20 more pages for the new Stow historic house inventory. They need to be proofread. Additional pages will be sent soon.

Community Preservation Commission: Dot reported no new business from CPC.

Ground Penetration Radar and Mapping: Topographix, LLC has returned to Lower Village Cemetery to finish their mapping.

Cemetery Policies: Members of the Stow Cemetery Committee appeared before the Commission to discuss the information contained in the letter they received last month from this SHC. Gerry summarized the Stow cemetery rules. He stated that they do not advertise, but they provide burial sites to Stow residents. There have only been two requests in 5 years for burials in Lower Village and Hillside Cemeteries. The maps coming soon from Topographix, LLC will clarify where unmarked graves are for future reference. The Commission complemented the Cemetery Committee for all the conscientious and hard work that they have put into preserving Stow's three cemeteries.

The members passed around a copy of the "Rules of Stow Cemeteries" dated 1954 as a matter of interest.

Randall Library: No new business.

West School: It was reported by the 5 members who attended the March 29, 2016 Planning Board meeting that Wedgewood Pines Golf Club is no longer considering blasting on that property.

Stow's Springfest is on Saturday, May 14th and the West School Open House is May 22nd. Center School's 5 third grades will visit West School on June 2nd for a history program initiated by MZ.

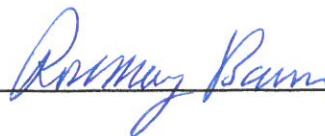
Old and New Business: On April 16th Katherine Hamilton of Stow will present her Girl Scout Gold Award documentary at the Randall Library at 3pm. On May 1st the SHC, along with the Historical Society, will sponsor a program at the Stow Town Hall featuring Sharon Kennedy as a Lowell Mill girl of the nineteenth century. There will also be displays featuring Stow's Gleasondale Mill. Stow will hold its annual town meeting on Monday night, May 2nd.

Correspondence: None this month

Next meeting is May 5, 2016 at 7:30 in the Town Building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Rosemary Bawn

