



TOWN OF STOW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 22, 2024

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present:

Maureen Crawford (Chair)- Housing Authority, Vin Antil - Open Space, Liza Mattison - Conservation, John Colonna-Romano - Planning Board, Barbara Clancy - Historical, Mike Busch - Recreation, Charlie Aaronson - Council on Aging, Kevin Gross – Finance Committee, - Board of Assessors

*Admin. Assistant:* Nancy McManus

*Guests:* Lee Cooprider and Bruce Fletcher, Stow Elderly Housing

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:00 pm

**MINUTES**

7:02 – **VOTE:** John made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of 01/08/24, as amended, Charlie seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 8-0.

Vin	Yes
Liza	Yes
Charlie	Yes
Barbara	Yes
John	Yes
Mike	Yes
Kevin	Yes
Maureen	Yes

7:10 – *Guest:* Lee Cooprider, and Bruce Fletcher, Stow Elderly Housing – Discussing Elizabeth Brook project.

The Committee members asked several questions about Invoice #1, in the amount of \$825,000, which was recently submitted, on behalf of Stow Elderly Housing. The questions included, what in particular the funding would be used for, and what the total cost of the project is.

Lee explained that the funds are to be applied toward the construction project. They have started the new construction and have begun the rehab of the existing buildings. The project is well underway.

A question came up as to the name change of the project that started in 2017, if it would affect the recipient. Lee verified that the project, f/k/a Plantation II, having a new name, Elizabeth Brook the funding recipient is the original applicant – Stow Elderly Housing.

Mike was concerned that the project cost may have gotten lost over time. Lee and Bruce assured him that a new budget was just approved and that they have contingency money put aside for overages. The project has been reformulated from the original budget twelve years ago.

7:20 - **VOTE:** John made a Motion to approve Invoice #1, Stow Elderly Housing Corp., for the SEHC Elizabeth Brook Apartments, Limited Partnership, to be paid in one lump sum, in the amount of \$825,000. Mike seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 8-0.

Vin	Yes
Liza	Yes
Charlie	Yes

Barbara Yes  
John Yes  
Mike Yes  
Kevin Yes  
Maureen Yes

7:25 - Review of the Library Trustees application, for the restoration portrait of John Randall. This project was formerly introduced by Barbie Wolfenden, who is not present at this meeting.

The CPC members reviewed the application. It was noted that the most expensive portion of the repair is the frame. A few members were familiar with this project and acknowledged this type of frame is very expensive to restore. It was also acknowledged that restoration project had shopped pricing, before the Library Trustee Committee chose this vendor.

Barbara stated that the Historical Commission had met with Barbie at an earlier time. The Historical Commission recommends this project be brought before the Town Meeting.

7:35 - **VOTE**: Vin made a Motion to recommend the Library Trustees' application, to restore the portrait of John Randall, to Town Meeting this Spring, in the amount of \$4,660. John seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 8-0.

Vin Yes  
Liza Yes  
Charlie Yes  
Barbara Yes  
John Yes  
Mike Yes  
Kevin Yes  
Maureen Yes

7:37 - **News & Views** The CPC welcomed Kevin Gross to the committee. Kevin is representing the Finance Committee. Each CPC member introduced themselves, and welcomed Kevin.

Spreadsheet review. Nancy attached the project spreadsheet to the committee for the meeting. The spreadsheet indicates the status and funding amount for past and current projects. It was noted that some projects have never been started or completed. A few of the projects were approved at Town Meeting over 10 years ago. The CPC members will discuss at an upcoming meeting the possibility of rescinding the funding. The funding would go back into the CPC buckets.

8:11- **VOTE**: John made a Motion to adjourn, Mike seconded, the vote was unanimous, and a roll call was taken, the vote passed 8-0.

Vin Yes  
Liza Yes  
Charlie Yes  
Barbara Yes  
John Yes  
Mike Yes  
Kevin Yes  
Maureen Yes

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy McManus