



TOWN OF STOW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 4, 2024

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present:

Maureen Crawford (Chair)- Housing Authority, Vin Antil - Open Space, Liza Mattison - Conservation, Barbara Clancy - Historical, Mike Busch - Recreation, Kevin Gross - Finance Committee, Vacant position - Board of Assessors

Guest: Al Arthur Council on Aging

Not in attendance: Charlie Aaronson - Council on Aging
John Colonna-Romano - Planning Board

Admin. Assistant: Nancy McManus

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:00 pm

MINUTES

7:05 **VOTE:** Liza made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of 02/15/24 as amended. Vin seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 6-0.

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| Vin | Yes |
| Liza | Yes |
| Barbara | Yes |
| Mike | Yes |
| Kevin | Yes |
| Maureen | Yes |

7:10 **Invoice** – Vin made a Motion to approve, invoice #6630 for the vendor, Tyme in the Garden, for the amount of \$7,550.00. The invoice has been approved by Laura Greenough, Stow Recreation Department on behalf of the Gleasondale Pocket Park. Liza seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 6-0.

A general discussion was held among the members in regard to the bidding process for TM approved projects. Further investigation in regard to the procurement procedure will determine the process. To be discussed at the next meeting.

7:15 **VOTE:**

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| Vin | Yes |
| Liza | Yes |
| Barbara | Yes |
| Mike | Yes |
| Kevin | Yes |
| Maureen | Yes |

7:21 – Discussion on Warrant Articles

The committee discussed among themselves preparing the verbiage for the Warrant Articles. It was proposed that Mike Kopczynski present his Article at TM, in regard to the Bird Meadow project and possibly do a short presentation.

There will be 3 warrant articles to present to Town Meeting –

- The Consent Calendar bucket allocations
- SMAHT project, \$200,000 for the Bird Meadow
- The Library Trustees, \$4,660.00 for the renovation of the John Randall portrait.

The committee members will look up previous warrants to put together some verbiage before sending to Denise for presenting to the Select board.

Vin explained to Maureen the expectations on the Community Preservation Committee at the Town Meeting.

7:42 CP-2 – Nancy sent to all the Committee members an email from Stuart Saginor, from the Community Preservation Coalition – in his email, was the CP-2 Report. This report shows the various balances in each bucket for the year 2023, before additional State and Town contributions were added in December 2023. The members agreed to review this information after the meeting.

7:50 – News and Views

Vin checked with Kathy Sferra, on two outstanding articles, which have only been partially used.

Article 44, from 2016, Conservation Comm Additional Open Space Funds, in the amount of \$50,000, only \$6,656.64 has been used.

Article 46, from 2015, Invasive Species Mapping/Control (Capt. Sargent) in the amount of \$25,000, only \$7,024.00 has been used.

Kathy explained that both of these Articles are still active.

Article 44, is open for Open Space use. There is a property that was recently donated to the town. These funds will be used to have the land professionally surveyed.

Article 46, is still active will be eventually used.

CPC Boot Camp – Maureen stated that she'd send the CPC website to all the new members, so they can view the schedule for the CPC Boot Camp. It's very beneficial to new members of the committee, to understand the CPC and its benefits to the community.

8:00 **VOTE:** Mike made a Motion to adjourn, Liza seconded, the vote was unanimous, and a roll call was taken, the vote passed 6-0.

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| Vin | Yes |
| Liza | Yes |
| Barbara | Yes |
| Mike | Yes |
| Kevin | Yes |
| Maureen | Yes |

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy McManus