

**Town of Stow**  
**Stow Historical Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**

January 5, 2023

**I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Stow Historical Commission was called to order at 7:38 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023 on Zoom.

**II. Roll call**

The following people were present:

Commission Members: Dot Spaulding, Barbara Clancy, Andy Crosby, Stacen Goldman

Absent: Bob Norton      Guests: Bill Byron

**III. Meeting Minutes**

Andy Crosby moved to accept the minutes from the November 10 meeting as amended. Stacen Goldman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Andy Crosby moved to accept the minutes from the December 1 meeting as written. Stacen Goldman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

There were no changes from last month. Andy Crosby will confirm with the Town Accountant that totals are correct. Stacen Goldman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Clancy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**V. Building Permits**

No comments.

**VI. Community Preservation Commission**

Barbara reported that the only applicants for CPA funds so far are the Historical Commission for West School work and Gleasondale Steering Committee and Recreation Department for work on a neighborhood park. The CPC asked for a firmer idea of what the roof and masonry work will cost. Folan Waterproofing, which is the company that did the masonry restoration in the Whitney Room at the Randall Library, sent an estimated cost breakdown for masonry repairs, lintels, and the chimney which totals \$76,350, not counting additional headers or brick. Barbara will pass that on to CPC and the Building Department.

On the roof, Mike Busch recommended talking to Circle B Barns, a company that does post and beam barn construction and has done work for the town. Also, Frank Ramsbottom recommended looking into replacing, rather than repairing the roof. Barbara wanted to know whether the Commission members wanted to investigate further. Members agreed it would be good to have an estimate for replacement, even if the stabilization project turns out to be less intensive.

Dot Spaulding recommended getting the building inspector in to look at the school. She noted that the roof was done recently.

Barbara will write up a report on the project for the next CPC meeting on January 23.

Bill Byron noted that what Greg Nowak said on his inspection was that the roof needed reinforcing, and not replacing.

## **VII. West School**

Dot Spaulding would like the Commission to submit the first phase of the West School National Register application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, rather than hiring a consultant. Consultant help will be more appropriate after we get feedback from MHC. Commission members agreed that makes sense. Andy Crosby will draw a floor plan for the school for the application.

Dot said that the Mass Historical Commission preservation grant program requires a structure to be on the National Historic Register. MHC is going to send her the application and instructions.

Dot will email the tree warden to get his opinion on the apple tree at West School.

## **VIII. Old and New Business**

Barbara Clancy will write the Historical Commission 2022 report for the Town Report.

Stacen Goldman looked at the inventory of historical items owned by the town or Historical Society and noted that some may need to be repatriated under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. She would like to see if there are any notes in the 1914 and 1915 Town Reports about these items. Dot Spaulding will look for them. Stacen and Dot will arrange a time to go to the Historical Commission office in the Town Hall to look at what is stored there, and possibly make another time to look at items in the Town Building.

We will request \$1200 in the town budget. Any money for National Register costs will have to be requested via warrant article, according to Denise Dembkoski.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Stacen Goldman made and Andy Crosby seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

### **Next meeting:**

Thursday, February 9, 2023 on Zoom at 7:30 p.m

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Clancy



Minutes Approved as submitted: February 9, 2023