

**Town of Stow**  
**Stow Historical Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 1, 2024

**I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Stow Historical Commission was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024 on Zoom.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Katie Fisher asked if the Commission has display space and/or accepts donations of historic objects. She has acquired some objects from people moving out of Stow. Dot Spaulding said we don't currently have space other than using the Town Hall for storage for items. Katie also asked about the status of the Town Hall and the status of a new committee to look at possible uses for the building. Andy Crosby said he hoped that the Commission would be able to be represented on that committee.

**II. Roll call**

The following people were present:

Commission Members: Dot Spaulding, Barbara Clancy, Andy Crosby, Bob Norton (joined at 7:55)

Absent: Stacen Goldman      Guest: Katie Fisher

**III. Meeting Minutes**

Andy Crosby made and Dot Spaulding seconded a motion to approve the January minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Reports**

There were no changes to the Treasurer's report from last month. Barbara Clancy made and Dot Spaulding seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Building Permits**

Andy Crosby reported that there was nothing to review.

**VI. Community Preservation Committee**

Barbara Clancy reported that the CPC will meet on Monday, February 5 to vote on the two received applications for \$200,000 in extra funding for Bird Meadow affordable housing, and \$4,600 for restoration of the John Randall portrait and frame. The CPC will also be reviewing open projects and the town's Climate Action Plan. The Commission's only open project is cemetery mapping. Dot Spaulding said she hope to work with the Cemetery Department after it transfers to the Highway Department, and is looking into a different software mapping program.

**VII. Town Report**

Andy Crosby moved to approve the Town Report. Dot Spaulding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The report references the historic plaque program. The Commission is still looking for someone to produce plaques. Barbara Clancy said she would contact a craftsperson who makes historic home plaques for the Bristol RI Historical Society. Dot and Bob Norton will also look for vendors. Dot will send sign specs to Bob and Barbara.

#### **VIII. Stow's Artifacts**

Bob Norton said that he hasn't heard from the Stow Police Department about picking up the musket case. Dot Spaulding said that she would contact the police about storing the musket and moving the case to the Town Hall.

#### **IX. West School**

Barbara Clancy is going to rewrite the request for quotes to focus on design as opposed to estimate work. Andy Crosby asked if that would be ok with the Community Preservation Committee and thought she should contact CPC first. Barbara said she would.

Dot Spaulding said she will reach out to another consultant for the National Registry application.

#### **X. New Members**

Associate members are still needed.

#### **XI. Old and New Business**

Andy Crosby said that it would be a good idea for the Commission to stay in touch with the committee looking into Town Hall reuse since we are an interested party. We could also have a commission member join the committee. Andy suggested talking with Cortni Frecha.

#### **XII. Correspondence**

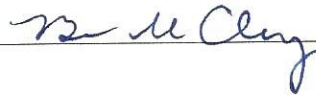
None received

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

Andy Crosby made and Bob Norton seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 7, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Clancy



Minutes Approved: <sup>as amended</sup> 3/7/24