

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, October 30, 2017

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Rick Connelly, Mike Busch (arrived at 7:34), Ernie Dodd, Andy Crosby, Bob Larkin, Atli Thorarensen, Vin Antil, Bill Byron (vice chair)

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Guest Attendee: Tom Kostas - Stow Soccer Club (SSC)

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017 as amended, Rick seconded. The vote was 7 - 0, with Bill abstaining (Mike not present for the vote).

Mike arrived at the meeting

INVOICES

VOTE: Atli made a motion to approve invoice #4426 from McGinley Kalsow for the amount of \$5,162.43 (Randall Library Project), Ernie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve invoice #66-2017 from Land Stewardship, Inc. for the amount of \$4,000 (Mapping Invasive Species Project), Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PROJECT APPLICATION PROPOSAL

Presenter: Tom Kostas (President) of the Stow Soccer Club - Pompo Field Use

Tom Kostas informed the CPC that the Stow Soccer Club is interested in having some significant work done on the field behind Pompo. Some, but not all of the items discussed are as follows: lighting, fencing, irrigation system and grading of the land with new seed. Tom stressed that soccer has become more popular in Stow and they need more space for the kids to practice and play games. The field is in desperate need of work and Mike Busch agreed. The SCC is requesting \$150,000, but made it very clear that this was just a rough guess. Tom is planning to have some discussions with club parents that may be civil engineers to try and get a better idea on how much this project would cost. Cortni suggested Tom speak with Kathy Sferra in the Conservation Department to understand what some of the work limitations may be based on the Wetlands Protection Act and town by-laws. Mike was going to chat with Laura Greenough and Bill Wrigley to get some clarification on the property that is now not part of the school, but owned by the town. Mike also mentioned that the land may need to be transferred to Recreation Commission and they could possibly sponsor the project. The CPC talked about this being a 2 phase/2 year project potentially. The Stow Soccer Club may only be able to ask for design funds for the upcoming town meeting. The committee did mention that the club will need to have other

funding sources in line besides CPA funds. Tom mentioned he would seek out donations and also the club has some funds in their account. Tom will be back in touch with the CPC.

Discussion Points:

- There are 360 kids in Stow Soccer and the number is still increasing.
- The SCC has about 60 volunteers.
- The SSC currently uses other fields in Stow (Pine Bluffs and Bradley) as well as field outside of Stow.
- It was nearly impossible to utilize the Pompo field during all the construction.
- The targeted size of the field the SSC is looking for is 130 x 90 yards.
- A fence is needed on the side of the wetlands to keep the balls out.
- Lighting would allow the kids to play later in the day since most of the coaches do have full time jobs.
- The Soccer season ends mid to late November.
- The league does have tournaments and Stow is never able to host due to lack of playing areas.
- The area where the swing set was is a great area for parents to be able to watch from picnic tables or benches.
- Parking may only become an issue if a function is going on at the same time as a soccer game.

STOW CP PLAN REVIEW - OPEN SPACE/REC SECTION

- Vin is going to rework the last paragraph on page 11 and send it to Krista. One of the issues raised was the requirement of a deed restriction on open space land.
- Krista will make a minor edit on page 13.

The affordable housing section was tabled to the next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mike asked about the status of the second invoice from Mark's Landscaping that was on hold until the work was complete at Pine Bluffs. Krista informed the CPC members that Laura Greenough confirmed via text that the work was complete. Krista also mentioned that she submitted the invoice to Julie the town accountant for payment.

NEWS AND VIEWS

- Andy mentioned that the Historical Commission has a meeting scheduled this week and the Old Town Hall is listed on the agenda. The CPC members voiced their concern that Doug or Craig from the Building Department should attend that meeting. Andy is going to follow up with Dot Spaulding to make sure they are going to be in attendance.
- The conversation regarding the Housing Authority being replaced by SMAHT in the town bylaw came up again. Bob mentioned that the Housing Authority does not serve a purpose in Stow any longer. He is waiting to hear back from Bill Wrigley on this matter. Cortni mentioned she had a conversation with Bill as well.

MEETING SCHEDULE

November 13th

November 27th

December 11th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm, Rick seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci