

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, May 21, 2018

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Bill Byron (vice chair), Rick Connelly, Ernie Dodd, Andy Crosby, Atli Thorarensen, Mike Busch, Vin Antil (arrived at 7:43 pm).

Not present: Bob Larkin

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Guests: Bob Wilber, Kathy Sferra, Mark Jones, Jim Salvie

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2018, Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

INVOICES

VOTE: Rick made a motion to approve an invoice from Avery Associates for \$3,500.00 (Admin Account - Consultants Line - Kunelius Property Appraisal), Atli seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Rick made a motion to approve invoice #4524 from McGinley Kalsow for \$1,119.56.00 (Library Restoration Project), Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Atli made a motion to approve invoice #5666 from Merrill Corporation for \$8,308.54 (Kunelius Survey), Rick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Rick made a motion to approve an invoice for the purchase of the Kunelius property for the amount of \$202,500, Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bob Wilber addressed the CPC members:

- He presented two checks to the committee from the Stow Conservation Trust. Krista had to sign off that she had received these checks. One was in the amount of \$25,000 for Small Farm and the second was in the amount of \$335,307 for Carver Hill.
- Bob (President of SCT) thanked the CPC members for their dedication in making these two Conservation Restrictions happen.
- The CPC Chair and members thanked Bob, SCT and Kathy Sferra for all their hard work and dedication.
- Jim Salvie (Board of Selectman & CPC Liaison) thanked all parties involved and mentioned the town being in favor and how smoothly this process went.

VOTE: Atli made a motion to approve an invoice for the Small Farm Conservation Restriction in the amount of \$275,000, Rick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Mike made a motion to approve an invoice for the Carver Hill Conservation Restriction in the amount of \$1,400,000, Atli seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING - Community Preservation Plan

Mark Jones was present

- Mark made some minimal comments on the Stow Community Preservation Plan. He found some typos he will share with Krista. Krista will make the changes prior to posting the document to the CPC website.
- There was a small discussion regarding the Taylor Bridge on page 10. The final decision was to leave the wording as is. Andy told the committee that this item is on the Historical Commission list of items to preserve.

VOTE: Ernie made a motion to approve the Stow Community Preservation Plan after Krista fixes the minor typos, Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

KRISTA'S SUMMER HOURS

Cortni informed the members that Krista will be working by appointment in the summer and will stop into the office from time to time. The members agreed this was alright as long as invoices do not sit until the September meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

None were discussed.

NEWS & VIEWS

- There is going to be a thank you event at Carver Hill on Saturday, June 2nd from 4 - 7 pm. The public is welcome and there will be food for sale and a band.
- There is going to be a 50th Anniversary celebration on July 21st for the protection of Town Forest and also a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Carver Hill trail.
- Ernie informed the members that the Mill on Gleasondale Road was recently purchased. The owner at some point may request CPA funding. The septic system is a huge issue.
- There is going to be a large public forum on June 27th - see the Planning Department Website.

MEETING SCHEDULE

June 11th - cancelled

September 10th

Rick made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, Atli seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci