

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, September 10, 2018

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Bob Larkin, Mike Busch (arrived at 7:34 pm), Atli Thorarensen, John Colonna-Romano, Andy Crosby

Not present: Bill Byron (vice chair), Vin Antil

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Note: Assessors Representative seat is open

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:32 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018, Atli seconded. The vote was 5-0, Mike was not present.

INVOICES

No invoices to approve, however, Krista attached a quote for the members to look at. The quote was for the return of the artifacts to the library from storage (ARTEX).

REAPPOINTMENT DISCUSSION

Krista reminded everyone of what is still pending. She will email Bill and Vin since they were not at the meeting.

REORGANIZATION DISCUSSION

The members decided to reorganize at their October 15th meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Town Hall Restoration Committee Meeting:

Cortni asked Andy how the recent meeting went. Andy told the committee members the following:

- They had a total of 14 proposals and narrowed it down to three. They have invited these design firms back for an interview. All three options have experience and a Historical Preservationist they work with.
- Atli asked if they would be asking for funding for the spring town meeting. Andy felt that was a strong possibility.
- The Historical Commission has to still determine what is historical and what is not. The expected use after the renovations still has not been determined. Andy mentioned there are still many unanswered questions at this point.
- Cortni mentioned that regardless of what is decided an energy upgrade is extremely important. There are some individuals in town that do not want the horse hair plaster removed.

- There will be discussions regarding the windows (repair vs. replace).

Library Restoration Project (& Tour which followed the close of the meeting):

Presented by Melissa Fournier, two individuals from the Friends of the Library and Library Trustees were present.

Melissa stated that she recently gave the Board of Selectman an update and felt like she would like to provide the same information to the CPC members. She mentioned the following items have been complete and look wonderful. Many items/work were paid for with funds outside the CPC.

- There are now window seats in the tower
- The staircase to the third floor is much safer for staff
- Floor boards are complete and some of the materials came from the Essex Town Hall. The floor has been refurbished and really opens up the space.
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- The tables were redone and some book shelves were made
- There are some new furniture pieces
- The lights are all new
- They are currently waiting on the storm windows
- There are two new doors
- The ramp out to the patio is being redone
- They are currently working on purchasing some window shades

NEWS & VIEWS

The members discussed briefly that GH from the Cemetery Department should speak to the Historical Commission as well as speaking to us about his potential project proposal. GH is coming to the next CPC meeting to discuss the stone wall on Brookside that is in desperate need of repair. Krista will call and remind GH to get in touch with Dot Spaulding before his meeting with the CPC.

MEETING SCHEDULE

September 24th, October 15th, November 5th and 19th

PROJECT PROPOSAL – Cleaning of the Marble Slabs in the Randall Library

Presented by Melissa Fournier

Melissa submitted an application requesting \$4,000 of CPA funding to restore two pieces of marble that are located in the library on display. John Canning supplied Melissa with a free quote. He has many years of experience and worked on artifacts at the Boston Public Library. The main goal is to try to remove the spots on one piece of the marble. Sanding may cause some letters to fade. If this happens Melissa may just leave the stones as is or put in another funding request to fix the letters. The rough estimate for that additional restoration would be around \$10,000 - \$20,000. This work is very labor intensive and would require gold leafing. Melissa was informed that she needs to speak to the Historical Commission and get their approval before the CPC can accept the proposal for consideration.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm, Atli seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci

