

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, December 17, 2018 - Amended

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Vin Antil (chair), Cortni Frecha (vice chair), Bob Larkin, Andy Crosby, John Colonna-Romano, Mike Busch

Community Preservation Committee members not present: Bill Byron, Atli Thorarensen

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018 as amended, Cortni seconded. The vote was 5 – 0, Bob abstained.

INVOICES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve invoice #5745 for \$150 from The Independent Press (323 Great Road), Cortni seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion prior to approval of the invoice:

Mike raised a concern that this invoice should be paid out of the construction fund account and not the administrative account. The members agreed that this invoice would be the last invoice paid out of the administrative account and all future 323 Great Road invoices will come out of the construction account. Mike had additional questions regarding the CPC's bill paying procedure. Cortni suggested adding this topic to our next agenda.

Action Items:

Krista will communicate the above information to the 323 Great Road project managers and the town accountant.

PROJECT UPDATES

Brookside Cemetery Wall Restoration (potential project for ATM 2019)

Andy informed the members that GH has not come back for a second meeting with the Historical Commission yet. Krista mentioned she will follow up to see if he would like to be put on the next agenda.

Town Hall

Andy informed the members that they still do not have a signed contract with CBI after two months of negotiating. The Town Hall Committee voted to fire CBI, but they in turn contacted the Attorney General. There is a scheduled hearing at the Attorney General's office in the next few weeks. The

Town Hall committee tried to go with another vendor since CBI was not meeting their needs. Bill Wrigley said that the Town Hall committee could decide how to proceed. They decided to continue to work with CBI for the first two design phases only. Andy also mentioned they will not be requesting construction funds for the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

NEWS & VIEWS

- Krista informed the committee that she received an email from Peter Brown of Stow Acres requesting CPC account balances, specifically the account that would be used to purchase property. The members had a small discussion regarding what has recently been going on with Stow Acres Golf Course and what they would like to see happen. The driving range is for sale at the moment.

Member Comments:

1. Cortni would like to see Stow reach their 10% affordable housing requirement and see the land used as a community with elders and children. She also mentioned that the new owner has not been able to improve on what the old owner tried.
 2. Bob feels that most likely private developers will be involved due to the cost of the land.
 3. John added that Planning should start thinking about this large parcel of land.
 4. Mike would like to see a mixture of housing: affordable, assisted living and elderly housing.
 5. Vin mentioned that the Open Space Committee has begun to talk about the golf course and what parts they would like to see preserved, if the properties became available.
- Andy and Cortni received an email from Doug Hyde regarding the Town Hall. There are some items that need to be moved out of the building in the next month. Some of these items are historical in nature and others are not (weights, items for West School). Doug was inquiring to see if CPC funds could help with this cost. The committee agreed that they would not fund this request and that Doug should check with Bill Wrigley. The CPC members also mentioned that the balance of design funds cannot be used for this expense either. There have also been some discussions on how to use the new space once the basement is renovated and dry (museum or function area).
 - Krista informed the members that the Town Building is closed the next two Tuesdays. She will stop in and collect any mail and work from home.

MEETING SCHEDULE

January 14th

February 11th – Deb Seith will cover for Krista

February 25th

March 11th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm, Cortni seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci

