

**TOWN OF STOW**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

**Minutes, January 14, 2019**

**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, Bill Byron, Atli Thorarensen

*Admin. Assistant:* Krista Bracci

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

***Bill and Mike arrived at 7:34 pm***

**MINUTES**

**VOTE:** Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018 as amended, Andy seconded. The vote was 5 – 0, Bill and Atli abstained.

***Cortni arrived at 7:36 pm***

**INVOICES**

**VOTE:** Bob made a motion to approve invoice #5258.1 for \$742.50 from Places Associates, Inc. (Administrative funds for Brookside Cemetery Wall Design), Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**COMMITTEE SEATS & BY-LAW DISCUSSION**

Krista informed the members that the Board of Assessors' had two members pass away and one is going to step down. Going forward they will only have one member and it is very unlikely there will be anyone available to sit on the CPC. After a short discussion the committee agreed that the by-law will not be changed and will continue to have nine seats with the Assessors' seat remaining vacant at this time. They also discussed the quorum is still five votes, not four.

**DISCUSSION ON INVOICE PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

Going forward the committee agreed that if they do not agree with the account number listed on the bills payable the below will take place:

- Krista will complete a new bills payable with the correct account number.
- Vin will sign the corrected bills payable the following day after the meeting prior to Krista submitting the invoice for payment.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

**Town Hall**

Andy informed the committee that the hearing with the Attorney General was cancelled and the contract with CBI was signed last week. They are going to be starting the testing shortly. The contract is for phase I and II. It is still not determined if they will continue work with CBI after the first two phases are

complete. There will be no CPA funds requested at this time. Andy mentioned that the basement is going to be fully operational.

#### Track Road

Krista shared a letter she received from Kathy Sferra and the Complete Streets Committee requesting the CPC hold off rescinding the Track Road Warrant Article until the fall of 2019. The members were divided on if they should rescind this spring or hold off until the fall. Member Comments:

- The funds have been sitting for a long period of time and they should be rescinded so that it does not appear that the CPC is mismanaging the Community Preservation Funds.
- The other point of view was that it is better for the public to see one article be rescinded when a new article is presented at the same town meeting. It would be easier for the public to follow and understand.
- A member reminded the committee that we are not in need of the money right now and this should be considered when deciding to rescind an article.
- It was brought up that a number of issues still need to be worked out in order to connect the rail trail through stow.

Action Item: Krista will contact the committee and request that someone attend the next CPC meeting before the committee votes to rescind or not. The committee was split in their decision.

#### Plantation II

Bill informed the committee that a special permit with conditions was granted for the septic system. They are going to apply to the state for a permit based on a mini plant on site.

#### **NEWS & VIEWS**

Krista reminded the members that Deb Seith will be filling in for her at the next meeting.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

February 11th  
February 25th  
March 11th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm, Cortni seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci