

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

**Minutes, October 7, 2019**

**Community Preservation Committee Meeting**

*Community Preservation Committee members present:* Vin Antil (chair), Andy Crosby (vice chair), John Colonna-Romano, Gary Yu, Erica Benedick, Roger Zimmerman

*Members not present:* Bob Larkin, Mike Busch

*Admin. Assistant:* Krista Bracci

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:34 pm

**MINUTES**

**VOTE:** Andy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019 as amended, Erica seconded. The vote was 5-0, with Gary abstaining.

**INVOICES**

**VOTE:** Erica made a motion to approve an invoice from JAM Landscaping in the amount of \$92,132 (Town Center Park Project), John seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**REVIEW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN (pages 1 – 7)**

The committee member's reviewed pages 1 – 7 of the plan and suggested that Krista make the following changes prior to the next meeting.

- Update the cover page
- Page 1 – update the necessary figures in the second paragraph
- Page 2 – remove figure 1, update figure 2, update necessary figures that are out dated
- Page 3 – check the links.
- Page 4 – check the link and update table 2 and 3a.
- Page 5 – continue to update, table 3a and 3b.
- Page 6 – update table 3c, highlight the needs assessment section (will update after public meeting), make some small changes to the second paragraph under the Goals heading.
- Page 7 – only reviewed up to the Historic Preservation title (no changes).

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION – WEST SCHOOLCHIMNEY**

Update was given by Andy

Part of the chimney has broken off and fell and the school has significant structural concerns, however is still safe. The issues can't be blamed on the hammering done a few years ago, but it is important to note it did not help. Andy is in the process of talking to contractors so that he can figure out how to keep the school from getting any worse. The school most likely will need a structural assessment from an engineer. Andy may request some consultant funds in the near future before submitting a project

application for design funds (it will be tight to have all this set to go for the spring 2020 ATM). Andy would like to see the school's interior restored to what the original school looked like.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

**Library:** The contractor pulled out on putting up the picture rails indicating it was dangerous with the glass cases. Currently the pictures are in storage. The trustees are on hold until a new Library Director is hired.

**Cemetery Mapping:** Andy informed Dot that Vin and Mike were willing to help her with this project. She did not reach out to Vin yet.

**Town Hall:** Andy informed the members that the committee is in the process of getting preliminary costs and maybe be asking for construction funds in time for the spring 2020 ATM.

## **NEWS & VIEWS**

Vin informed the members that Kathy Sferra reached out to see if any town departments would be interested in acquiring properties that are and will be going up for sale.

### **Stow Acres Driving Range**

This property is currently in Chapter 61 and is about 15/20 acres with some wetlands. Vin mentioned it is one of the Open Space's top properties to conserve. The space could hold 3 – 4 soccer fields as well as have some passive trails. The town will have the first option to buy once it is taken out of Chapter 61.

### **High Rock Church** (near the New Town Center Park), *possible conflict for Andy*

The church and adjacent parking lot are actually two lots, split down the middle of the parking lot.

### **Member comments:**

- The church has historic value.
- May be nice to have for parking and access to the park (we currently have a right of way).
- Planning was thinking about how the church may be a nice place for the library and then they could utilize the Randall building as a teen center.
- More space is needed since Pompo is mostly occupied by the COA.
- How about using the church for affordable housing units like in Acton or Belmont?

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

*Potential town meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> – elevator issue*

October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup>

November 18<sup>th</sup>

John made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Roger seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci