

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Amended Minutes, October 21, 2019

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Vin Antil (chair), Andy Crosby (vice chair), John Colonna-Romano, Gary Yu, Roger Zimmerman, Bob Larkin, Mike Busch

Members not present: Erica Benedick

Guest member: Ingeborg Clark (will be sworn in shortly to the CPC)

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: John made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019, Andy seconded. The vote was 4-0, with Bob abstaining (Mike and Gary were not present).

INVOICES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve invoice #31166 from CBI Consulting in the amount of \$4,000 (Town Hall Improvements Project), Roger seconded. The vote was 5 – 0 (Mike and Gary were not present).

Mike and Gary arrived at 7:35 pm

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve invoice #ST-03 from Stuart Weinreb in the amount of \$1,662.50 (Town Center Park Project), Vin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve an invoice from JAM Landscaping in the amount of \$15,535 (Town Center Park Project), John seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Comments from Mike – regarding the Gazebo

- The Lion's club was going to pay for the Gazebo, but it was too costly.
- The Recreational Commission has some funds they are able to contribute.
- Laura Greenough is looking into grants.

Action Item: Krista will request clarification on the Gazebo from Laura Greenough and report back via email to the CPC members.

REVIEW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

Cover page:

- Krista's changes are fine

Pages 1-7 (top):

- Members suggested some additional word changes on page 2, 4 and 6
- Try to add 2019 to the chart
- Add total columns to Table 2 on page 4
- Update the project information: 3a, 3b and 3c

Pages 7 – 11 (mid):

Andy reviewed and provided changes for the Historic Preservation section. He is still waiting to get the Historical Commission's approval. He will provide Krista with a final version after he meets with the Commission. The following changes were suggested by some of the CPC Members when reviewing Andy's revised edition:

- Last paragraph on page 7 needs to be softened some
- Under the Whitney Historical Room a sentence needs to be taken out
- A typo of SHC needs to be corrected

Action Items:

- Vin and Mike will be reviewing the Conservation and Open Space Section
- Ingeborg will reach out to SMAHT (Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust) for them to review the Community Housing Section

PROJECT UPDATES

Town Center Park

- The Town Center Park had a grand opening on the 20th and had a successful turnout (approximately 150 people).
- Mike mentioned that there is going to be a sculpture contest which will offer a cash prize. The sculpture that wins will be placed behind the park sign.

Randall Library

Andy gave a quick update to Mike and the other members. The library trustees will be making the decision on the picture rail, but only after the new director is hired. Mike felt that maybe the interim director could help. Right now valuable pictures are stored in Pompo.

West School

The Historical Commission has a meeting with a consultant this week. It is the same consultant who worked on the library. They may request some consultant funds before submitting an application for design funds. There was clarification made that the Historical Society is a private entity that has collected artifacts over the years.

Track Road

Vin mentioned that Complete Streets will be meeting by the end of November to discuss the Track Road project and its future.

NEWS & VIEWS

- Krista mentioned that it is time to send out a reminder about the December 1st application deadline for the spring 2020 annual town meeting. She will put a press release in the paper, place the deadline on the website and send out an email blast.
- Krista mentioned the tours that Kathy Sferra is organizing for the High Rock church and driving range at Stow Acres. Mike requested to be added to Kathy's email list. Krista will follow up with Kathy.

MEETING SCHEDULE

November 4th (Bob is unable to attend)

November 18th (cancelled due to special town meeting)

December 2nd

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm, Mike seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci