

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, February 24, 2020

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

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

Members not present: Ingeborg Clark

Audience Members: Ann Needle (Stow Independent)

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTE: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 as amended, Andy seconded. The vote was 7 - 0, with Gary abstaining and Mike was not present.

Mike arrived at the meeting at 7:34 pm

INVOICES

No invoices to approve

WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND VOTES

Rescission Articles:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Track Road ***Rescission*** Article (\$46,000 returned to Open Space) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorsed it to town meeting, Erica seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Deed Restriction ***Rescission*** Article as amended (\$250,000 returned to Affordable Housing) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorse it to town meeting, Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Project Articles:

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Town Hall Design Funds Article (\$200,000) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorse it to town meeting, Andy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Erica made a motion to place the Red Acre Design Funds Article (\$25,000) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorse it to town meeting, Roger seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Bob made a motion to place the Track Road Pre-Engineering Article (\$70,000) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorse it to town meeting, Vin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTE: Erica made a motion to place the Stow Acres Driving Range Acquisition Article (\$810,000) on the May 2020 warrant and also endorse it to town meeting, Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Items Discussed:

- Krista and Vin informed the members that they heard from Kathy Sferra that this article may not move forward. Krista will request from Kathy an update once they secure a company that will be evaluating the land. If needed she will invite Kathy to the April CPC meeting.
- Some members voiced concern about the Conservation and Recreation Departments making the final decision based on the testing results. What if only one soccer field instead of two will fit? Andy explained that the CPC's job is to bring a valid project to town meeting and then let residents of Stow make the final decision.
- Krista explained that if we miss the deadline to pull the article before the warrant is printed we can still make a motion to withdraw the article on the Town Meeting floor.

Discussion on placement of some articles in the Warrant:

- Deed Restriction Rescission article prior to the Red Acre article.
- Track Road Rescission article prior to the new Track Road article.
- Krista will inform the Board of Selectman's office of this request.

PROJECT UPDATES

None were given

NEWS & VIEWS

None reported

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 13th – Public Hearing 7 to 7:30 pm, then regular meeting starting at 7:30 pm

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, Roger seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci