

TOWN OF STOW
Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, February 27, 2017 - amended

Community Preservation Committee Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present: Cortni Frecha (chair), Dot Spaulding, Bill Byron (vice chair), Rick Connelly, Ernie Dodd, Bob Larkin, Atli Thorarensen, Mike Busch

Not present: Vin Antil

Admin. Assistant: Krista Bracci

Liaison: Brian Burke

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:30 PM

MINUTES

VOTE: Rick made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2017, Ernie seconded. The vote was 6 - 0 with Atli and Mike abstaining.

INVOICES

No invoices to approve at this time.

TOWN CENTER PARK PROJECT DISCUSSION

Cortni mentioned that Capital Planning would like to see a project manager assigned to handle the park project. No final decision was made, but it was clear that Craig Martin is unable to help due to other projects he is working on. Other names were suggested to head up the project, but nothing was finalized. Mike informed the committee members that the Recreational Committee hopes to meet next Thursday and vote on this project.

RANDALL LIBRARY HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT DISCUSSION

Dot informed the committee members that the Historical Commission has been doing an inventory of all the artifacts that our housed at the Randall Library. They are also trying to determine who actually owns the artifacts. Dot has also started to look into how much it will cost to remove and store the items. Dot spoke with one company that gave a rough estimate of \$15,000. The Historical Commission still needs to negotiate with the Library before the commission can vote on this project. They are hopeful that the CPA funds being requested can be increased to take into account the artifact removal and storage. Dot expects she may have additional information by the next CPC meeting.

Member Comments:

- There are a number of antique books that also require careful storage.
- It was advised that the Historical Commission and Library create a memo indicating who owns the artifacts, where they should be housed and who is responsible for their care.

- The warrant may need to provide language that indicates where the items will be stored on a temporary basis.
- A second project was suggested to take into account permanent storage costs, new display units and UV protected glass.
- Pompo was mentioned as a place that could store the artifacts.
- It was suggested by a couple of members to have the library application be changed to \$380,000.
- There are some valuable painting and a glass bowl that need very special care. If they are not properly crated they could be permanently ruined.

WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

Note: The committee adopted the worksheet Krista presented at the meeting. The worksheet showed what project funds would be taken from what bucket.

Library Draft Article

There was a question regarding some of the wording that Cortni was going to discuss with Bill before the next CPC meeting. Krista will replace the dollar amount with "XXX" until we know how the artifact situation is going to play out. The Historical Commission needed to be added to the warrant at the bottom with the CPC.

Habitat Draft Article

Some of the members raised the question that this project would also need a project manager to closely monitor the project progress and advice the CPC on how the money is being spent. They also felt it should be stipulated in the warrant article. Other members felt that the award letter after the project passes at town meeting could stipulate that requirements, not the warrant article. Krista is going to try and adjust the article to indicate what bucket the funds will be drawn from, add Habitat for Humanity into the article and list SMAHT at the bottom.

Safeguard Extension Draft Article

Krista needs to add the word thousand to the article, it was missing. At the next meeting they members will review it one more time before voting to place it on the warrant.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pine Point Homes (Habitat)

Members were wondering who contacted Hill Law. No one knew for sure. It was explained that this lot was land obtained by the town for taxes that were not paid. It was one of many parcels that were considered difficult pieces to build on. The Con Comm did pass over this land some time ago. The town then gave it to SMAHT.

NEWS & VIEWS

Krista received a call from the owner of Stow Acres requesting a meeting with the CPC. He would like to utilize CPA funds to rehabilitate the historic country club. The members suggested she schedule a meeting in April since the committee is so busy with town meeting prep at the moment. Dot will look into what she has for documentation on the country club and will inform the members at the next meeting. Some of the members suggested a tour of the country club would be nice.

MEETING SCHEDULE

March 13th and 27th

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM, Rick seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by: Krista Bracci