

**Town of Stow**  
**Stow Historical Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
November 4, 2021

**I. Call to order**

Dot Spaulding called to order the regular meeting of the Stow Historical Commission at 7:38 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021 on Zoom.

**II. Roll call**

*The following people were present:*

Commission Members: Dot Spaulding, Barbara Clancy, Stacen Goldman

Absent: Andy Crosby      Guests: none

**III. Approve Minutes**

Stacen Goldman made and Dot Spaulding seconded a motion to approve the October minutes as amended. Motion was approved unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

No changes to report from last month's totals.

**V. Building Permits**

None received.

**VI. Randall Library Future**

Dot Spaulding has not heard from Tina McAndrew about setting up a meeting.

**VII. Community Preservation Committee**

Barbara Clancy reported that the Community Preservation Committee has received one application for CPA funds from the Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for funding for an affordable housing development on Red Acre Road.

**VIII. Town Hall Restoration**

Dot Spaulding will forward a link to the web presentation that the Town Hall Restoration Committee has done on the restoration project.

**IX. West School**

Barbara Clancy hasn't heard from Greg Nowak about assessing the condition of West School. Dot Spaulding said she will look to see who else can do consulting. We should also get into the school for pictures and any additional measurements that aren't on plot or floor plans for the National Register application. Dot said that the building department winterizes the school. She will ask them if they have done that work this year.

**X. New Members**

New members are still needed.

#### **XI. Old and New Business**

Dot Spaulding has talked with Liz Moseley to see what we could do to help with Historical Society programming. They thought of having a program on local history. Two ideas were a program on Stow history, mostly for newer residents, or a program with older residents talking about past times. The Gleasondale residents who are working on a historic district would also like to promote that project.

We agreed that we would like to see the Historical Society continue operations. We are also concerned about historic items in their possession if they disband. Dot said that Liz Moseley has done an extensive inventory of what is in the Whitney Room at the Randall Library, but doesn't know if she has inventoried items held in other places. Stacen Goldman said that the lack of legally established ownership could be a problem. She would like to be involved with researching ownership legal ownership. Dot will put Stacen in touch with Liz.

Stacen also proposed working on a way to recognize the history of Stow Acres and Maplewood golf courses when the Stow Acres property transitions from golf to golf, housing, and recreation/conservation land. Commission members brainstormed about how to present the course's history, especially around its role as a venue for Black professional players. It might be possible to have a public talk focused on the golf course as well as document history as part of a trail walk. Barbara Clancy offered to call the Conservation Commission to get a sense of the timeline for developing trails around the course. There may also be source material in the town vault.

Dot noted that the Crowell history of Stow is out of print and the .pdf on the Stow Historical Society website is hard to read. Dot proposed that the Society could have it reprinted as a fundraiser.

#### **XII. Correspondence**

None received.

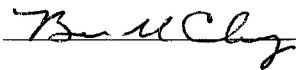
##### **Next meeting:**

Thursday, December 2 on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

##### **Adjournment:**

Stacen Goldman made and Dot Spaulding seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Clancy



Minutes Approved as corrected on: January 4, 2022