

**Town of Stow
Stow Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2022

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Stow Historical Commission was called to order at 7:33 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 on Zoom.

II. Roll call

The following people were present:

Commission Members: Dot Spaulding, Barbara Clancy, Andy Crosby, Stacen Goldman

Absent: none

Guests: Bob Norton

III. Approve Minutes

Andy Crosby made and Stacen Goldman seconded a motion to approve the July minutes as written. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Stacen Goldman made and Barbara Clancy seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. Bob Norton

Bob Norton introduced himself. He is interested in being a Historical Commission member. His family moved to Stow in 1956, and he has lived here ever since. He was a call firefighter as well as a full-time and part-time Stow police officer. He is now a part-time wire inspector for the town.

VI. Community Preservation Committee

Barbara Clancy said she has to send last year's Stow Community Preservation Plan to the Historical Commission for feedback on priorities, but she will do so.

VII. West School

Commission members read the report received from Greg Nowak at Structures North. Dot Spaulding will send it to Bob Norton. Barbara Clancy said that the report probably needs a line or two about the overall condition of the building in addition to technical specifics. Andy Crosby said that getting a range of cost for repairs would also be good information to get from Greg.

Dot asked if there were any objections to sharing the report with the building inspector, and the commission agreed this was a good idea. Andy suggested sending a copy to the town administrator after we get the additional information from Greg.

Barbara will ask Greg about getting the statement on general building condition into the report. She said that Greg is also happy to send a report version with high-resolution photos if we need them.

Bob grew up on Hiley Brook Road, and remembers when the West School was a residence. There was one couple living there in the late 1950s, renting the property from the Erkkins.

VIII. Stow's Historic Artifacts

Dot Spaulding said that she talked to Denise Dembkoski, who said that the Historical Commission could store items at Pompositticut Community Center, but Dot is concerned that we are still not sure about the ownership of some of the items on display.

Commission members agreed that it would be good to meet with the Historical Society about the artifacts, storage and inventory. Stacen Goldman thought that some items could be stored in the Commission office at the Town Hall, and volunteered to go in and catalogue items with Dot.

IX. Building Permits

Commission members were able to review building permits online. No comments.

X. New Members

We are happy to have Bob Norton as a new commission member. It would still be good to have some associate members who are interested in helping with specific projects.

XI. Old and New Business

Dot Spaulding said she has contacted a new plaque vendor. The plaques are printed on PVC, which is long-lasting. The previous plaque-maker retired and referred Dot to another vendor. Dot is still trying to contact this business.

Bob Norton submitted a letter and information to the town administrator saying that he would like to be on the Historical Commission. He has also been reading the material on the Historical Commission site.

Stacen Goldman's parents are in the process of purchasing 77-79 Randall Road. The house was the farmhouse for the Judge family dairy farm, and the Stow Acres country club greenskeeper's house. It is on the MACRIS registry and in the Stow historic structures inventory. The house is probably not salvageable. Stacen wanted to make sure that the house interior could be photographed and documented if it can't be saved. There are also some items in the house that could potentially be donated to the town or the Historical Society.

Stacen will talk to the Town Clerk about being sworn in.

Correspondence

None received.

XII. Adjournment

Andy Crosby made and Stacen Goldman seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting:

Thursday, September 8 on Zoom at 7:30 p.m

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Clancy Barbara Clancy

Minutes Approved as amended on September 8, 2022