

History

Stow Historical Society 20



Built in 1898, torn down in 1962

Stow Historical Society 2021

Pre-1898 Gleasondale School



History

- The Gleasondale School Lot is a .25 acre lot located across from 464 Gleasondale Rd. Currently the lot is surrounded by a wire fence and by private lots, which overlook the Assabet River.
- In 2013 survey was done by UMass as a study of how the Gleasondale neighborhood could be better utilized. The plan includes a proposed renovation of the Mill and at the time the residents of Gleasondale were surveyed to ask how they felt the School Lot would best be used.
- At the annual Town Meeting in 2022 the town voted to transfer ownership of the lot from Conservation to Recreation.
- The Gleasondale Steering Committee and the Recreation Department put out a survey during the summer of 2022 to ask citizens of Stow what features they would want included in the renovation plan. The top choices included parking, a plaque to commemorate the history of the lot, picnic tables, benches, and a free library. We have included these items and more in the renovation plan.

History

- This past March the CPC voted in favor of putting forth to Town Meeting 2023 an amendment that would allocate \$24,000 of CPC funding toward the cost of renovating the lot.
- May 13th there will be a vote at Town Meeting to pass an amendment for the funding. We hope you will consider voting in favor of this amendment.

Budget

Phase I-

Design cost	\$1500
Marked parking	\$500
Historical plaque	\$500
Land acknowledgment plaque	\$500
Free library	\$0 (Eagle Scout Project?)
Replace front of wire fence	\$3500
Create a fence barrier between the open space and parking lot	\$1000
Benches	\$2550 (3 benches)
Picnic Benches(tables)	\$2200 (2 tables)
Flower pots (Planting plan)	\$2750
Trail running along the perimeter & Earth work	\$3000
10% <u>contigancy</u>	\$2000
Total cost	\$20,000

Bird's-eye view



Gleasondale Road

Stow Schoolhouse Landscape Plan for Phase 1

This plan would include:

- Small gravel parking area for 4 cars
- Open grass area
- Preserve existing plantings where possible
- Perimeter gravel walking path
- Signage to explain The Mill and the old Schoolhouse
- Low maintenance plantings that would benefit birds and bees
(no invasives and use of natives when possible)
- Schoolhouse shaped lending library box
- Prep area for Phase 2 install TBD