

**Town of Stow**  
**Town Hall Renovation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes: Mtg #64 October 28 2021**

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**Attendance:**

Committee: Andy Crosby, Doug Hyde, Ed DeLuca, Cortni Freccha  
Others attending: Don Mills, Dot Spaulding, Barbara Clancy, Stacen Goldman  
All participants attending remotely via zoom.

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**Called to Order at 7:35 pm**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of MTG#65 by Frecha, 2nd by Crosby.

**Vote:**

In Favor: Hyde, Crosby, Frecha, DeLuca

**Motion Passed**

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**Prepare for annual Town Meeting presentation and Public Presentation**

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Crosby -Historical commission brought up to date on our discussions.

Mills will show the presentation.

Mills - set up a timed version of the powerpoint 10mins  
It will be put on the website. Maybe after the 1st public forum.

Comments from visitors?

Goldman - Suggested that the presentation breakout the separate costs for the green/sustainable parts of the project and for the ADA parts. As not everyone will be able to pull that out of the current presentations. Suggests that changes to the entrance also emphasize accessibility, more than historical restoration.

Clancy - As the cost is a major concern the presentation needs to show what the town is getting for the prices.

Goldman - Maybe present the budget items by pie chart.

Frecha - Noted that once the cost exceeds \$126K there are requirements to upgrade to code and address accessibility issue, that leads to the \$5M project. Most is not separable.

Goldman - Emphasize: a commitment to accessibility, & a commitment to green sustainability .  
Stand on the strong principles and values.

Mills - The presentation will have a town piece, and the architect piece.

## **Discussion of how to show the presentation.**

Hyde - should we put this out on the town web site tomorrow?

DeLuca - don't want to put this in contrast to Stow Acres.

Clancy - There are other big ticket items beyond Stow Acres. Bonding is important. It can also be used for land purchases.

Mills - Bonding allows you to leverage the funds.

Goldman - How popular is the project with the select board. It has not been sold to the town boards/committees.

Frecha - The Select Board still has the questions about what is it going to be used for? The answer is What it has always been used for. We have failed to make the case is that the building is useful.

Crosby - We need go to other people that use CPA, get the conservations, housing to say that they need bonding too.

Hyde - People have not been using the Town Hall for its design function for about 20yrs. We have the community center and the Hale auditorium, but the TH is designed for an events.

Clancy - make that case in the presentations using recent use.

Frecha - less information about recent use, and recent use has been trivialized.

Goldman - I would like to host a party there - it is a perfect space. The music space could be there rather than pompo. Photos of kids/family events/scout meetings that open the possibilities.

Spaulding - We have information on the historic usage: 4-F clubs, function space, etc.

Crosby - In the presentation have 2-3 people who can talk about their experiences, the past use, what it provides for future use.

Spaulding - Have a historical society meeting, to have people interested in history, have a small program, to take place in the town hall.

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## **Motion to adjourn 8:05pm.**

Motion by Frecha, 2nd by Crosby,

### **Vote:**

In favor: Hyde, DeLuca, Crosby, Frecha

### **Motion Passed**

**Submitted,**

**Ed DeLuca, Clerk**