



TOWN OF STOW COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 08, 2024

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Community Preservation Committee members present:

Maureen Crawford (Chair)- Housing Authority, Vin Antil - Open Space, Liza Mattison - Conservation, John Colonna-Romano - Planning Board, Barbara Clancy - Historical, Mike Busch - Recreation, Charlie Aaronson - Council on Aging, Vacant positions – Finance Committee - Board of Assessors

Admin. Assistant: Nancy McManus

The meeting began with a quorum at 7:00 pm

MINUTES

7:04– **VOTE:** Vin made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of 12/18/23 as amended, Liza seconded the Motion. A roll call was taken, and the vote passed 6-0.

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| John | Yes |
| Liza | Yes |
| Vin | Yes |
| Barbara | Yes |
| Mike | Yes |
| Maureen | Yes |
| Charlie | (Not yet in attendance) |

7:10 – The Committee reviewed the Supplemental Application for Bird Meadow, presented by Mike Kopcznski on 12/18/23, on behalf of SMAHT.

Vin screen shared the application to the Committee. The members discussed the application among themselves. It was noted that future CPA applicants need to request an adequate amount of funding in their initial application. The members recognize that all of projects that were quoted since 2020, have gone up in price due to inflation and interest rates.

The CPC members agreed that it is a high priority to work with SMHAT and have affordable housing.

Vin brought up the discussion on the CPA buckets. He screen shared the buckets slide. The slide indicated how much was left in each bucket after the 2023 TM meeting approved project, the amount added in November 2023, from CPA and the amount collected from the Town.

The members discussed bucket allocation and how to make the accounting easier by not replenishing a large amount after an allocated expense. It was suggested that the bucket allocated for a Town Meeting approved project, reflect its actual usage and to only utilize from the unreserved bucket when necessary.

7:30 – It was decided that Barbie Wolfenden, on behalf of the Library Trustees, shall be invited to the next meeting On 01/22/24, to present her updated application for the restoration of the John Randall portrait.

The upcoming CPC meeting on February 5th, 2024, will be the date the CPC members will vote on whether or not to recommend the two 2023 applications.

7:40 – **News and Views** Maureen screen shared the CPC Town Plan, which is due in February. Nancy had updated a good portion, and Maureen was asking Vin to help out on the completion. Maureen and Vin completed the Plan. It will be sent back to Nancy to send to the Town for submission.

The representative from Elizabeth Brook, (f/k/a Plantation) indicated that they will be requesting the final payment from the CPC account that was approved at Town Meeting in 2017. The CPC members suggested that Nancy ask Julie Costello, the Town Accountant, for the entire accounting history for this account. The members suggested that Nancy invite members of Elizabeth Brook to meet at the next CPC meeting on 01/22/24, for an update on the project.

8:00 **VOTE:** John made a Motion to adjourn, Charlie seconded, the vote was unanimous, and a roll call was taken, the vote passed 7-0.

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| Barbara | Yes |
| Vin | Yes |
| Charlie | Yes |
| John | Yes |
| Mike | Yes |
| Liza | Yes |
| Maureen | Yes |

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy McManus