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Stow Planning Board Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2016

Attendees: Sam Nesbitt, Melvin Peterson, Michael Mendonca, Anthony Higgins, and Cliff Brown

Old Business:

- A. Minutes Approval: The November 3 & 10 2015 meeting minutes was approved.

New Business:

- A. Comprehensive Plan Update: The board discussed the estimate provided by Lee Jay Feldman, SMPDC to update our 1996 Town of Stow Comprehensive Plan (SCP). Discussion focused on: price of estimate; vision of the town...has it changed since 1996?; (consensus – has not, but the population has increased and with that increase...will the vision of the town; are the current ordinances sufficient to the operation of the town; farms seem to be dwindling and more home businesses are operating. The board voted to NOT submit a warrant request for raising monies to update the 1996 SCP.
- B. Planning Board Stipends for the 2016: The board discussed the reasons for asking for additional monies to cover stipends at the special town meeting in November 2015; and its purposes thereof. Anthony shared the history of the stipends and it was town approved hinged on the foreseeable growth in the area and an increase of planning board member's time and responsibilities. The board unanimously voted to submit the following warrant article: *The Town of Stow raise a sum of \$1500.00 by taxation for stipends and annual expenses for the Stow Planning Board, with funds not expended to be held in reserve.* Michael will send this statement to the selectmen tomorrow, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for: February 2, 2016

Respectfully submitted by: Michael Mendonca