

Potential Groton Center Fire Station Sites

Community Meeting

Wednesday March 21, 2012

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Meeting Objective

- Inform the Community of:
 - Center Fire Station Building Committee Charge
 - Potential Center Fire Station Sites
 - Process of information gathering and eventual recommendation
- Gather input from the community regarding the proposed sites as part of the information gathering process
- Provide access to ongoing information

Center Fire Station Building Committee Charge

The Building Committee shall be appointed by the Town Manager, pursuant to Section 4-2(c) of the Town of Groton Charter. The Building Committee shall report to the Town Manager and facilitate the building of a new Center Fire Station for the Town of Groton. The Committee will assist and advise the Town Manager in the review of Architect proposals for a Site Analysis of the Lawrence Homestead Trust, and in the selection of a preferred lead Architect and associated contract negotiations.

The Committee will work with the retained Architect to deliver the Site Analysis which will include a capacity and site needs analysis, site evaluation, schematic drawings and cost estimates sufficient for presentation to voters at Town Meeting. The Committee will review similar criteria available for Prescott and Station Ave sites, and will prepare a Site Selection Recommendation for the Board of Selectmen. The Committee will endeavor to have the Site Selection Recommendation ready for the April 30, 2012 Town Meeting.

Upon approval of site and design funding by Town Meeting, the Committee will work with the Town Manager to select an architect to prepare a final design and to put the project out to bid in anticipation of presentation at the 2012 Fall Town Meeting. The Committee will assist the Town Manager in the oversight of the selected contractor and be responsible for recommending to the Town Manager the approval of change orders, invoices and milestone reviews.

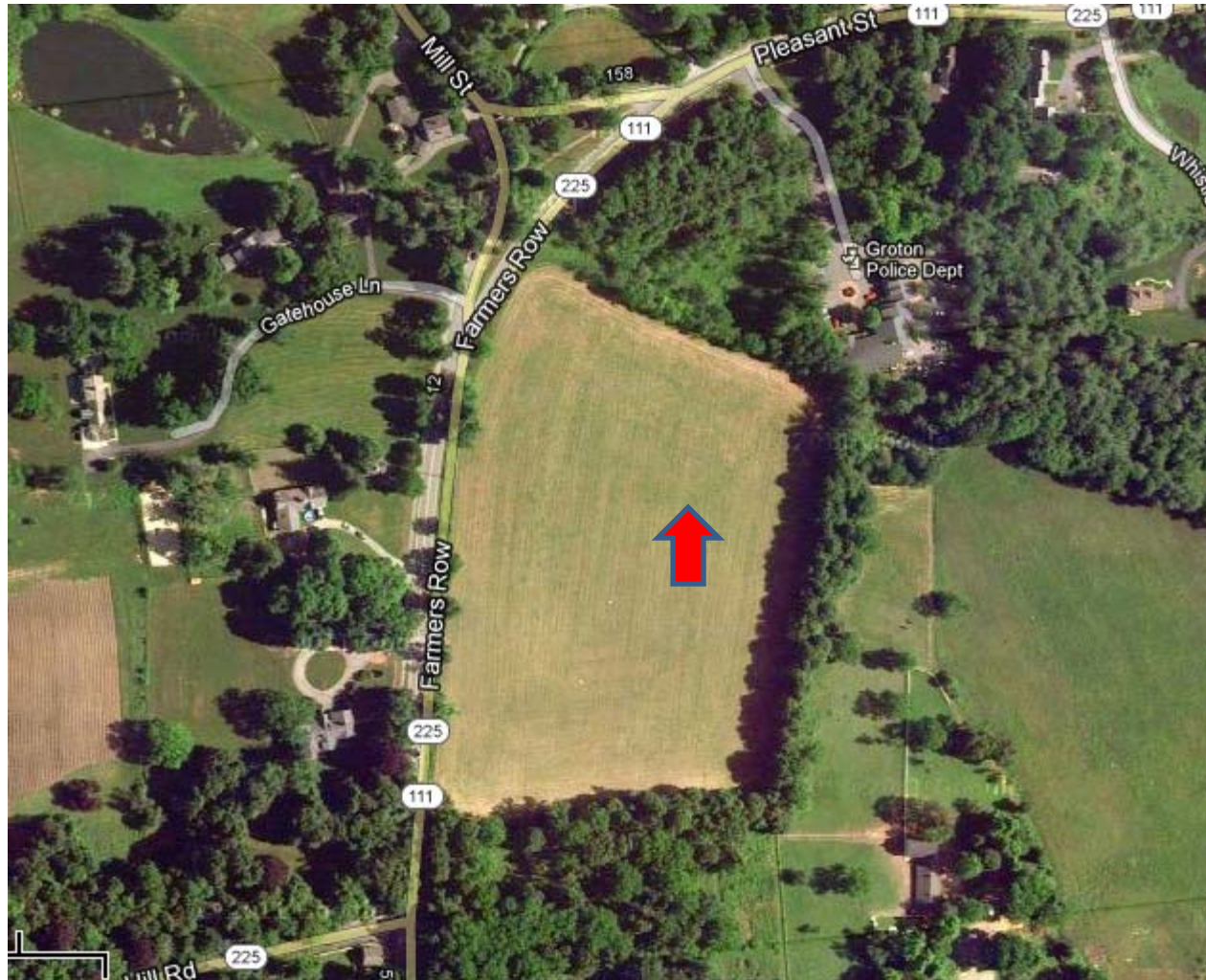
The Committee's work will be complete when all construction and contractual obligations for the new Center Fire Station have been completed.

Committee Members: The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

Center Station Sites Under Consideration

- Lawrence Homestead Trust
- Station Ave
- Prescott School

Lawrence Homestead Trust



Station Ave

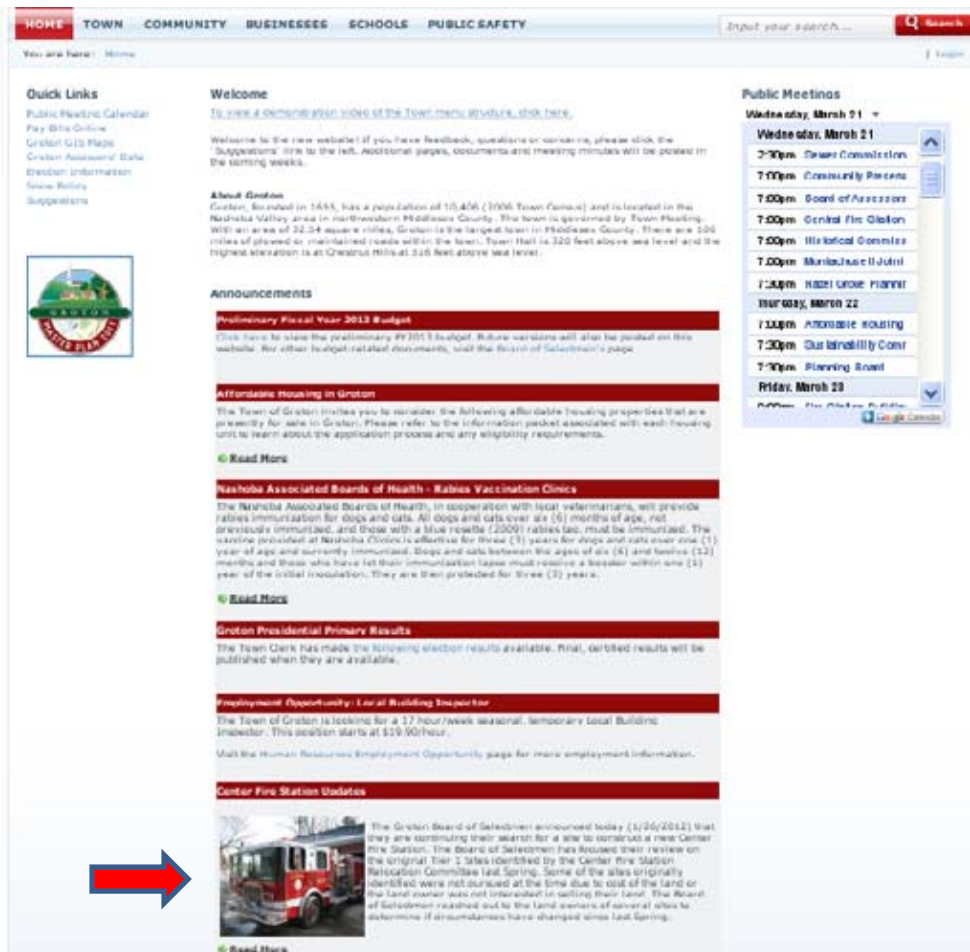


Prescott School



Ongoing Information

Town Website



The screenshot displays the official website of the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts. The navigation bar at the top includes links for HOME, TOWN, COMMUNITY, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, and PUBLIC SAFETY. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Quick Links:** Includes links for Public Meeting Calendar, Pay Bills Online, Grafton GIS Maps, Grafton Assessment Status, Grafton Information, Town Policy, and Suggestions.
- Welcome:** A message to visitors, including a link to view a disclaimer and a link to the town's history.
- Public Meetings:** A calendar of upcoming meetings for Wednesday, March 21, including Town Council, Community Meetings, Board of Assessors, Central Fire Station, Historical Committee, Municipal Clerk, and Planning Board.
- Announcements:** A list of recent news items, including the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, Affordable Housing in Grafton, Rabies Vaccination Clinics, Grafton Presidential Primary Results, Employment Opportunity: Local Building Inspector, and Center Fire Station Updates.

A red arrow points to the **Center Fire Station Updates** section, which features a photograph of a fire truck and text regarding the town's plans to construct a new fire station.

Ongoing Information (cont.)

- fireFAQ@townofgroton.org
- FAQs on the Town Website
- Planning Meetings
 - Mondays at 4:30 PM Groton Town Hall
 - Fridays at 10 AM Groton Town Hall
- Planning Meeting Summaries
 - Distributed to: Lowell Sun, Groton Landmark, Groton Herald, Groton Cable, Groton Line, Selectmen, Town Website
- Community Meetings

Process

- Determine Fire Station Requirements
- Evaluate Location Specific Response Times
- Gather Cost Data
 - Acquisition, Site, Building, Operational, Expansion
- Gather Community Input
- Itemize Synergies with Town Planning
 - Current Building Utilization, Commercial Plan, Town Character, Traffic Impact
- Educate the Community on What We Have Found
- Evaluate
- Recommend

What have we missed?

Community Input

- Open Discussion