

Center Fire Station Community Meeting June 6, 2012

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Design and Communication Process for the Design through Funding Phase

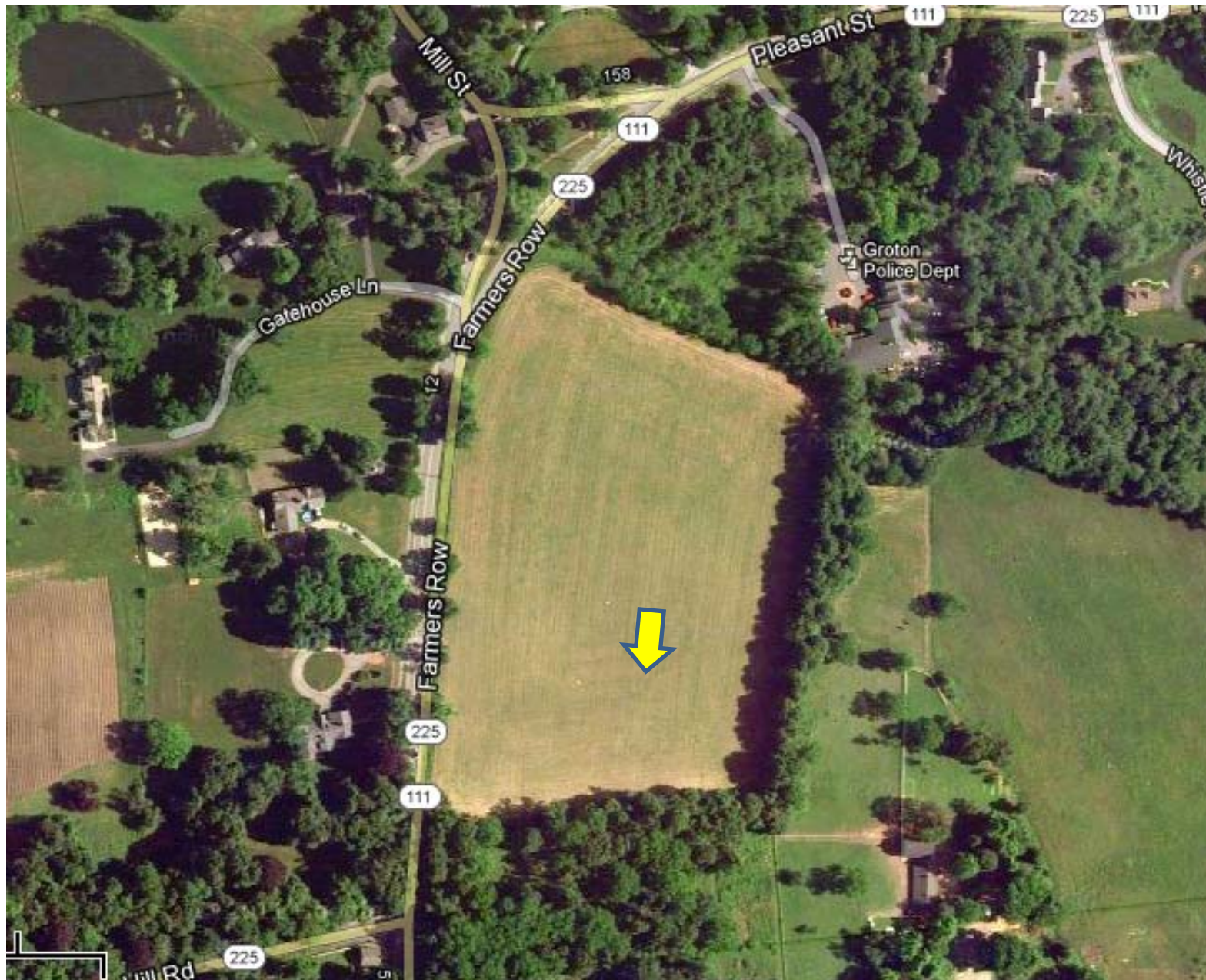
Meeting Objectives

- Establish a baseline and define Phase objectives
- Inform
- Assure
- Ongoing Communication
- Encourage Involvement

Agenda

- Current Status
- Objectives of this (Design through Funding) Phase
- Timeline and Cost for Slipping
- Approvals and Board / Committee Involvement
- HDC Role
- Traffic Management Plan
- Impact of Daily Operations
- Dore and Whittier Process and Ideas
- Building Committee Changes
- Public Participation and Input
- Contribute and Stay Informed

Site_Lawrence Homestead Trust



Current Status

- Site: Lawrence Homestead Trust
 - Town Meeting Vote
 - 170 In Favor
 - 44 Opposed
 - Purchase Status
 - Agricultural Status
 - Next Steps
 - Owner's Project Manager / Clerk of the Works
 - Design
 - Approvals / Rezoning
 - Construction Drawings
 - Bidding
 - Town Meeting

Objectives of this Phase

- Design
 - Final Operational Design
 - Exterior Elevation Designs
 - Site Planning
 - Infrastructure Planning
 - Biddable Plans
- Approvals
 - Historic District Commission
 - (re)Zoning
 - Conservation Commission (depends on plan)
 - Planning Board
 - Town Meeting
- Bids
- Funding
 - Town Meeting

Timeline

- June 6, 2012 – Public Hearing – Kick Off Design Process
- June 30, 2012 – Hire Owner's Project Manager (OPM)
- June 1-30, 2012 – Preliminary Meetings with Permit Granting Boards
 - Historic Districts Commission / Planning Board / Conservation Commission / Earth Removal Stormwater Management Committee
- June 15 – July 31, 2012 – Design Development
- August 1-3, 2012 – Town Approval of Design
- August - September, 2012 – Permit Approval by Various Town Boards (estimate)
- August – October, 2012 – Construction Documents Developed and Approved by Town
- November 1 – December 21, 2012 – Bidding of Project (Prequalification of General Contractor, Filed Sub-bids, General Contractor Bid)
- January 14, 2013 – Potential Special Town Meeting Date to Vote Construction Funds
- February, 2013 – February, 2014 – Construction of New Center Fire Station

Cost of delay is roughly \$680 per day

Approvals and Board / Committee Involvement

- Approvals:
 - Historic District Commission
 - Planning Board (including zoning)
 - Conservation Commission
 - Water
 - Sewer
 - Earth Removal Stormwater Management Committee
- Involvement
 - Center Fire Station Building Committee
 - Board of Selectmen
 - Finance Committee

Historic District Commission(HDC) Role

Traffic Management Plan

- Evaluate the increased traffic on Farmers Row / Pleasant St. resulting from the new location and consolidated operation
- Confirm site lines and impact on exiting the new station
- Evaluate the challenge to entering Main St (heading east) from Pleasant St.
- Evaluate traffic management options and costs
- Determine relevant town Boards / Committees / Departments should we need to install traffic management equipment
- Understand cost and schedule requirements for traffic management equipment (if any)

Impact of Daily Operations

- Call Volume
 - 2011 EMS and Fire Calls (Station 1):
 - EMS = 784
 - Fire = 202
 - Total = 986
 - Impact to Farmers Row = 202
- Audible warnings
 - Unused except to clear traffic. Today maybe 10% of calls from Station Ave. Anticipate sharp reduction after moving to Farmers Row.
- Lighting
- Signage
- Landscape
- Generator
- Other?

Dore and Whittier

Don Walter: Architect

John Perry: Site Engineer

Building Committee Changes

- Exiting Members
- Criteria for New Members
- New Member Intro
- Committee Objectives
 - Cost
 - Design
 - Communication
 - Approval
 - Execution

Public Participation and Input

- The need for input
 - Inform the Committee
 - Represent the Community
 - Prepare for Town Meeting
 - Oversight
- What kind of input is needed
 - Design
 - Abbutter Concerns
 - Traffic
 - Cost

Contribute and Stay Informed

- Building Committee:

- Meetings: Fridays 9:00 AM Town Hall
- Minutes / Presentations / Summaries / FAQs / more:
 - Town Home Page (bottom of page) Center Fire Station Site:
<http://www.townofgroton.org/Town/BoardsCommittees/CenterFireStationBuildingCommittee.aspx>
 - Subscribe to updates:



The screenshot shows the 'Center Fire Station Building Committee Email Subscriptions' page on the Town of Groton website. The page has a navigation bar with links: HOME, TOWN (highlighted), COMMUNITY, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, and PUBLIC SAFETY. Below the navigation bar, it says 'You are here: Town > Boards & Committees > Center Fire Station Building Committee'. On the left, there are 'Quick Links' for Public Meeting, Calendar, Pay Bills, Online, Groton GIS, and Maps. The main content area has a form with fields for 'Name' and 'Email Address', both with blue question mark icons. Below the form is a 'Subscribe / Unsubscribe' section with two radio buttons: 'Subscribe' and 'Unsubscribe'. On the right, there is a 'Center Fire Station Building Committee - Documents' section with a tree view showing folders for Documents, Minutes, RelocationCommittee, and Summaries.

- Submit a question: FireFAQ@townofgroton.org or directly to Selectmen

- Historic District Commission Meetings

- Meetings: Third Tuesday at 7:30 in Town Hall
- Minutes / Documents:
<http://www.townofgroton.org/Town/BoardsCommittees/HistoricDistrictsCommission.aspx>
- Email: Selectmen@townofgroton.org

- Other

- Groton Herald
- Lowell Sun
- The Grotonline: <http://www.thegrotonline.com/>

What Did We Forget?

- Abbutters
- Costs
- Design
- Public Safety
- Process
- How to Contribute
- Open Discussion