

Groton Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting of 11 April 2005

Location: Groton Town Hall, 2nd Floor Lunch Room

Time: 7:30 PM

Members Present: Bruce H. Easom (Secretary), Dan Emerson, Rick Hughson, Carolyn Perkins (Vice Chair) and Mike Roberts (Chair)

Members Absent: Robert DeGroot, and as of yet unnamed representative of the Parks Commission.

Attendees: None

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Secretary reported that he did not have any meeting minute drafts ready for the committee's review. The Secretary reviewed new mail from the committee's inbox with the Committee.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of various ways to talk to the voters at Town Meeting about matching funds for the first year of Community Preservation Act participation. Questions about whether or not first-year projects are really half-price were discussed.

Mike Roberts reported on his conversation with Don Black of the Parks Commission. Mike reported that one of the new Parks Commissioners could be appointed to the Community Preservation Committee.

The Committee discussed publicity before the Annual Town Meeting. Mike Roberts expressed the desire to have an executive summary of the draft Community Preservation Plan ready to hand out. Mike suggested the summary contain 5 key points about the CPA and the draft Community Preservation Plan. Rick Hughson volunteered to draft the executive summary. The Committee discussed how it might pay for making copies of the summary so it could be handed out at Town Meeting. Bruce H. Easom volunteered to contact Jean Kitchen to see how this might be funded.

Mike Roberts volunteered to send a copy of the executive summary by Friday 15 April 2005 to Connie Sartini of the Groton Herald so that she could write an article about the CPA and Community Preservation Plan before town meeting.

The progress on the draft Community Preservation Plan was reviewed. Carolyn Perkins handed out the revised section on the 2020 Update of the Master Plan. Rick Hughson

expressed his concern that the scoring method proposed in the plan was untested and was too rigid. Mike Roberts said that the plan is to revise the Community Preservation Plan annually so problems could be identified and corrected as part of a continuing process.

The Committee reviewed Section III of the draft plan that was handed out by Mike Roberts at the 28 February 2005 regular meeting. The Committee discussed plans on how we will get the input from other boards and committee on the draft plan.

Bruce H. Easom volunteered to bring some paper calendars to the next meeting so that the remaining tasks in developing the plan and the process for the acceptance of proposals could be mapped out. The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday 20 April 2005 at 7:30. The Secretary agreed to schedule and post the meeting.

Mike Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce H. Easom seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce H. Easom

21 April 2005

Date

Secretary
Groton Community Preservation Committee

These minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote on 20 March 2005.