

Groton Community Preservation Committee Minutes of Public Meeting of August 3, 2010

Location: Town Hall
Time: 7:30 PM
Members Present: Bruce Easom, Carolyn Perkins (Chair), Mike Roberts, Dan Emerson,
Robert DeGroot (Secretary)
Members Absent: Jon Strauss (Vice-Chair)
Guests: Don Black, Sally Smith, George Moore

Public Meeting

1. Action Items

Committee:

- Update score sheet

Mr. Easom:

- Provide Close-out template to Mr. Roberts for Historic Documents project

Mr. Roberts:

- Draft Close-out letter for Historic Document project

Ms. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30

Agenda is reviewed.

2. Basketball Court / Field of Dreams - Don Black, Parks Dept.

Basket Ball Court – Mr. Black reported that the lighting is still not complete, and he is hopeful for a September 1st completion date. A search is being conducted for a new electrician. and once the lights are done, this project will be ready to close out.

Field of Dreams – Connections have been put in place for the lights. After excavation is performed the cables will be grounded. Leveling the field to sub grade still has to be done as well as finishing the irrigation system, and hydra-seeding. The project completion date should be sometime next spring.

Out of sequence application – An application submitted by the Parks Department is reviewed. This application is requesting money to have an engineering study done to determine feasibility of an athletic field on a piece of property adjacent to the Cow Pond athletic field. The property is owned by James Patierno. Mr. Black recited background on why additional athletic fields are needed, as well as why the Patierno property is the top choice. This property could house 4 regulation playing fields. This field would be right across the street from the existing Cow Pond athletic fields which would provide a maintenance benefit as well as a convenience benefit to the many families that have more than one child in sports. There is also a land grant (possibly two) that could be applied for as well.

The CPC provided the following feedback. Mr. Easom responded that in his opinion this project meets the criteria of an out of sequence application, as land purchases are very time sensitive and this is laying the groundwork for a possible grant. Conservation walked the site a week ago and found it to be in good shape. Mr. Easom is interested in MESA's input. Mr. Robert's would like to see the grant cycle listed in the application. Mr. Degroot asked if the estimated final cost for this purchase is known, and other than an additional CPA application, were there any other potential funding sources. Mr. Black replied that they were already in the process of seeking support from various athletic organizations as well as the grant application. Ms. Perkins added that she would like to see a more specific management plan. This management plan would outline the sequence of events along with the responsible party and estimated dates of completion.

The process was reviewed and it was decided that this review would constitute an early submittal. Ms. Perkins suggested a management plan on a separate piece of paper attached to the original application could be the final submittal.

Mr. Easom moved to accept the Park Commission's project "Millstone Field Project" as it meet the standard provided for an out of sequence application. Mr. Roberts seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Grange – Sally Smith, George Moore

Ms. Smith reported with updates on the Grange project and provided an invoice in the amount of \$1575 for electric services. She then stated that the Grange is now in receipt of their permit. Ms. Perkins responded that she thought a permit had already been issued and was a little uncomfortable with the fact that invoices had already been signed by the Committee without a permit. Ms. Perkins let the Grange know that in the future invoices will not be signed without permits. The items still remaining are the roof, carpentry, painting, and the lift. There were no further comments by the CPC. Mr. Easom recommended the board sign the invoices and we add his signature after verifying the work had been completed. He will pass on the invoice to the Accountant's office and provide Ms. Miller with a copy to file.

4. Minutes

Mr. Easom moved to accept minutes of July 6, 2010 as drafted. Mr. Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Active Project Updates

2005-09 Fitch's Bridge – Not updates. Ms. Perkins will be taking over project for Mr. Hughson.

2006-11 Lost Lake Basketball Court – Already reviewed

2007-13 GHA-Nashua Rd. – A permit has been approved for MESA. Previous reports will be sent to Engineers.

2010-01 Field of Dreams – Already reviewed

2010-03 Communitywide Archaeological Survey – Phase III deliverables have been received. In the process of reviewing the recent submittals, and then will approve one.

2010-04 Groton Grange – Running on time & under budget. Invoices will be in the mailroom for signatures.

2010-05 Historic Document Preservation – The Archives Committee met with Mike Bouchard, Town Clerk and put bookplates into the recent batch of books that were preserved.

2011-03 Unkety Brook Phase II – No updates

2011-04 Communitywide Survey – Agriculture – There are 8 qualified potential Consultants. RFP's with instruction will be sent out by Patrice Garvin. Mr. Roberts was very satisfied with the submittals received.

6. New Business

The Committee agreed to go back to the original schedule starting in September. The CPC will meet the first Tuesday of every month and the Third Monday.

Mr. Easom delivered a Squannacook Rail Trail update. A meeting was held with Conrad Crawford of the DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation), to negotiate the possible signing of a lease agreement with the MBTA. Whoever signs this agreement will take on the environmental liability. If the DCR signs, it will alleviate both

It was decided that Ms. Miller will advertise for the current seat on the CPC. This advertisement will be placed on the Towns web site and the cable channel.

7. Closing

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 7, 2010

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Easom seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathy Miller