

Groton Community Preservation Committee Minutes of Public Meeting of September 27, 2010

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

Public Meeting

1. Action Items

Mr. Roberts:

- Close out letter for Historic Document Project

Ms. Miller:

- Supply 2007 votes to Dan Emerson for updated CPP
- Advertisement for current schedule/CPP in Town Crier, Letter to Editor, Web Page and Committee mailboxes.

Mr. Easom:

- Provide sample close out letter to Mr. Roberts.

Ms. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:00

2. Community Preservation Plan Updates

Mr. Easom's draft of possible updates to the 2010 Community Preservation Plan was reviewed and voted on.

Mr. Emerson moved that we accept recommended changes as proposed by Mr. Easom for Section 7." Review and Recommendation Criteria". Mr. Easom seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Perkins changes to section 7.1.2 Function were reviewed and the following vote was taken.

Mr. Emerson moved to adopt proposed section 7.1.2 "Function" modification as drafted by Ms. Perkins. Mr. Strauss seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Emerson asked the Committee to make note that in the future we need to address deed restrictions on non-town projects/private enterprises as requested per the Selectmen. Discussion ensued as to the importance of addressing this issue.

3. Active Project Updates

2005-09 Fitch's Bridge – Mr. Manugian is prepared to close out project. The CPC was in agreement. Some engineering has been received, but RFP was incorrect and should have stated “meets Mass. Highway requirements”.

2006-11 Lost Lake Basketball Court – No updates

2007-13 GHA-Nashua Rd. – Feedback has been received from MESA. There is a possibility of Blanding turtles. An RFP will be put together that addresses all unanswered questions. A meeting with Barbara Ganem is scheduled.

2010-01 Field of Dreams - Falling behind scheduled target date. There has been no water for the fields and they have been unable to grow grass. A deeper well may be needed.

2010-03 Communitywide Archaeological Survey – Draft final report is currently under review, and still waiting for feedback from Michelle Collette. With \$5,000 extra from Town Meeting, there is thought of pulling the History section and putting a cover on it to make available to schools and public. Ms. Perkins mentions this is not in the original plan and suggests checking with Valerie Jenkins, Town Accountant for input.

2010-04 Groton Grange –. Monthly progress report is reviewed. Roof, Windows and Stairs are complete. Handicap bathroom is being worked on. Lift still needs work and negotiations are with Nashoba Technical School are in the works. Mr. Easom verified window/chairlift work and 2 invoices were submitted.

2010-05 Historic Document Preservation – Mr. Roberts reported that the project is complete. Mr. Easom will supply a sample close out letter so project can be closed out.

2011-03 Unkety Brook Phase II – Mr. Strauss has spoken to Tom Orcutt and the project is proceeding favorably.

2011-04 Communitywide Survey – Agriculture – Mr. Roberts reported that they are in the review period of four proposals. An October 15th notice to proceed is desired. All four proposals were excellent.

2011-05 Millstone Project - Mr. Strauss will present this new project at Town Meeting.

4. Minutes

Mr. Roberts moved to accept minutes of September 7, 2010 as amended. Mr. Easom seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

5. Invoices & Misc. Documents

The following invoices were signed by the Committee:

Inv. #12154	Peter Andrews General Contracting	\$21,112	Grange
Inv. # 152130	Source Equipment Co.	\$11,700	Grange

Verizon Invoice \$16.36

Ms. Perkins Draft of section” 7.1.2 Function” of CPP

Mr. Easom’s draft “7. Review and Recommendation Criteria” of CPP

Inspection Report for Stair Lift for the Groton Grange

6. Rail Trail

Mr. Easom reported that there has been some positive feedback. The MBTA has accepted environmental liability. Both Townsend and Groton need to write a memorandum of understanding. It was also reported that the Iron Horse preservation study has found the bed to be smooth and level, A not for profit organization will be established to remove the rails. There is no money required for Phase I, and a trail grant will be put forth for the topcoat.

7. Closing

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 25, 2010

Agenda will include projects, Invoices and assignment for presentations to other Committees

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Emerson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathy Miller