

# Groton Community Preservation Committee Minutes of Public Meeting of December 7, 2010

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

## **Public Meeting**

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

### **1. Grange – Sally Smith & George Moore**

Ms. Smith distributed an invoice for signatures, along with a current budget. Ms. Perkins confirmed that the work has been completed as she met with the Grange and all the work was verified. A brief update was given on the work that has been completed and what work remains to be finished. The invoice was signed by the Committee.

### **2. Historical Records – Mike Bouchard**

Mr. Bouchard gave the history of the project dating back over three years. The project was started by Onorina Maloney, and this application will finish off the initial application. Mr. Bouchard stated that Brown River has held steady with their pricing, and this pricing will hold through 2011. There are approximately 40 books slated for renovation.

The Committee was very supportive and aware of the project and its continuance. The question was asked if there would be any further applications or if this would be the final application. Mr. Bouchard replied this would take care of the current priorities.

Ms. Perkins reviewed the deadlines and schedule, and stressed the importance of having a management plan.

### **3. Great Pond Advisory Committee**

Mr. Strickland gave a brief review of why an application to the CPA is being considered. He has been working with people on Lost Lake and Baddacook Pond in efforts to remove invasive weeds. They have currently been using a weed harvester but the weeds keep growing back. Chemicals had been used successfully at Lost Lake but the Natural Heritage put a stop to any further use of chemicals. Mr. Strickland stated he is looking for feedback and input on whether a CPA application would be appropriate.

Ms. Perkins responded that according to the Coalition, an application would be appropriate, and has been done in other Communities. Mr. Strauss asked if either the Conservation Commission or the Water Department had been

notified. Mr. Strickland responded that Ms. Ganem has offered her support, however Tom Orcutt is adamantly opposed to chemicals in Baddacook.

Discussion ensued with suggestions on seeking additional funding from other sources such as DCR. There were also suggestions to seek advice from the other Communities who have success stories with similar applications. It was also suggested to try and get the support of the Selectmen.

Mr. Strickland thanked the Committee and will do some further investigating and decide on whether the Great Pond Advisory will put forth an application.

#### **4. Invoices & Misc. Documents**

The following invoice was signed by the Committee:

Inv. #135480-03	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	\$10,500	Archaeological Survey
Inv. #5788	Gary Knowlton, Inc.	\$23,900	Grange

Millstone Funding Agreement – Mr. Strauss

#### **5. Active Project Updates**

**2005-09 Fitch's Bridge** – Ms. Perkins has met with Mr. Manugian and the decision has been made to close out project.

**2006-11 Lost Lake Basketball Court** – No updates

**2007-13 GHA-Nashua Rd.** – RFP has been sent to Barbara Ganem (Conservation Commission) for review. It has been determined that no ANRAD is needed. Notice of Intention needs to be filed and the focus will be on the front portion of land.

**2010-01 Field of Dreams**- An approximate date of completion of 7/1/2011 has been given.

**2010-03 Communitywide Archaeological Survey** – The final report was passed around for review by the Committee. The project is not ready to be closed out. There is also a public version due by the end of the week.

**2010-04 Groton Grange** – Already reviewed

**2010-05 Historic Document Preservation** – Mr. Roberts will draft a close-out letter

**2011-03 Unkety Brook Phase II** – No updates

**2011-04 Communitywide Survey – Agriculture** – First month is finished and project is running on track.

**2011-05 Millstone Project -** Rough draft of funding agreement presented by Jon Strauss

#### **6. Budget Review-Bruce Easom**

A decision was made to postpone the budget review until the next meeting, so Bruce Easom would be available.

#### **7. Minutes**

Mr. Emerson moved to accept the minutes of November 15, 2010 as amended. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **8. Millstone Draft Agreement**

Mr. Strauss issued a rough draft of the Millstone Funding Agreement. The Agreement was reviewed and it was suggested to put a copy in the file. Recommendations to key dates and ending date were offered.

#### **9. Closing**

The next meeting will be Monday December 20, 2010.

*Mr. Strauss moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Emerson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathy Miller