

# Groton Community Preservation Committee Minutes of Public Meeting October 17, 2011

**Location:** Town Hall

**Time:** 7:04 PM

**Members Present:** Laurie Smigelski, Bob DeGroot (Chairman), Bruce Easom (Vice-Chair),  
Richard Hewitt (Clerk)

**Members Absent:** Mike Roberts, Carolyn Perkins, Dan Emerson

**Guest:** Pierre Comtois

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

## **1. 2007-13 Nashua Rd.**

Mr. DeGroot asked the Committee if we could begin with new business regarding an update to the Nashua Rd. project. Mr. DeGroot had contacted both Valerie Jenkins, Town Accountant and Stuart Saginor, Community Preservation Coalition for an opinion regarding the use of remaining funds from this project being used on a preliminary site plan. In Mr. Saginor's opinion the original application was inclusive of funding for a preliminary site plan; however Ms. Jenkins was adamantly opposed. Mr. DeGroot will contact Ms. Jenkins for further review.

## **2. Community Preservation Plan – Final Draft**

The new CPP has been sent to the IT department to be posted on the web. As soon as the plan is released a memo that the CPC is accepting applications will be placed in all department mailboxes, and on cable. Mr. DeGroot reported that he has already contacted the Groton Herald for an advertisement.

## **3. Historic Records – Funding Agreement**

Mr. Easom stated that he has reviewed the application and funding agreement in an effort to determine whether or not the Groton Herald invoice in the amount of \$38.25 could be paid. In his opinion, there were no provisions for miscellaneous expenses in the application. Mr. DeGroot then inquired whether or not the invoice could be paid out of the CPC administrative fund. There was further discussion and a suggestion made to rescind the administrative policy that is in place regarding funding out of this budget. It was decided to postpone any further discussion or vote until the policy was found and could be discussed at the next meeting

## **4. State Match**

Mr. DeGroot announced that the annual amounts of state matching funds have been released. Groton will be receiving \$198,435 this year. This amount is \$34,435 more than anticipated in our FY2012 budget forecast.

Mr. Easom explained to the new members of the Committee the process in which funds are received, and how the rounds are formulated. The main source of the trust fund is money raised at the registry of deeds and this fund fluctuates accordingly. Round 1 distributes 80% of the total revenue in the trust fund and every town receives the same percentage. Round 2 and any other rounds are only for the Towns that adopted the 3% surtax, and they will share the remaining 20% of the trust fund. There is a weighted formula used to rank these Communities so that the less affluent Communities receive higher funding.

## 5. Project Updates

**2006-11 Lost Lake Basketball Court** – Still waiting on DPW to dig trenches.

**2007-13 GHA-Nashua Rd.** – See above

**2010-01 Field of Dreams-** hydra-seeding is complete. Waiting until mid-November to install fence, so that everything has time to settle.

**2010-03 Communitywide Archaeological Survey** – N/A

**2010-04 Groton Grange** – Mr. Easom reported that a balance discrepancy has been ironed out and the remaining balance of the Grange is \$8,677.51. Mr. Easom requested feedback from the Committee on whether or not to ask the Grange for accounting on the amount of Grange money that has been spent so far on this project. The Committee agreed and would be interested as the application stated that some of the repairs would be paid for from their own accounts.

**2011-04 Communitywide Survey – Agriculture** – N/A

**2012-01 Housing Trust Fund – FY2012 -** N/A

**2012-04 Historic Records Restoration, Phase 4** – See Above

**2012-05 Prescott Reuse Feasibility Assessment** – The survey results are in. It appears the public would like to see this site as a mix use of Commercial/Community. 38% Commercial and 32% Community

**2012-08 Rehabilitation for Governor Boutwell House** – Pierre Comtois reported that an 1894 plan of the Boutwell House has been discovered. They are hoping to perform as many repairs as possible in regards to this plan.

## 6. Minutes

Mr. DeGroot moved to accept the minutes of October 4, 2011 as amended. Mr. Easom seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

## 7. Invoices/Documents

Prescott School use survey

## 8. New Business

Ms. Miller will check to see if the Grange deed restriction has been filed at the registry of Deeds.

The Committee will discuss at the next meeting how the additional funds received will be allocated.

Mr. Easom will meet with Valerie Jenkins, Town Accountant to coordinate a new budget due to the forecast/actual discrepancy.

The next CPC meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, 2011.

## 9. Closing

Mr. DeGroot moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Easom seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathy Miller