

# **Groton Community Preservation Committee**

## **Minutes of Public Meeting March 5, 2012**

**Location:** Town Hall

**Time:** 7:00 PM

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

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

**Guests:** Valerie Jenkins, Tricia Dufresne, Al Collins, Sally Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Mr. DeGroot announced there would be some amendments to the agenda. Al Collins will be first on the agenda, followed by Sally Smith and the rest of the agenda will be in its scheduled order..

### **1. Boutwell House – Al Collins**

Mr. Collins reported that all the plumbing work has been completed with the exception of the accessory apartment. The plumbing invoices were supplied and signed by the Committee. A summary sheet was also supplied, detailing the work most recently completed. Mr. Collins stated that \$45,000 has been spent so far, and he is happy to report the project is consistently coming in under budget.

### **2. Groton Grange – Sally Smith**

Ms. Smith presented the final report on the grange project, and Mr. DeGroot read it to the Committee. Ms. Smith detailed the resurge of public interest in the Groton Grange and the events leading up to the actual CPA application. The various successes and pitfalls in both the construction and process were detailed, from the beginning stages all the way to the end of the project. Thanks were given to the Town of Groton for making the renovation a success that can be enjoyed by future generations.

Ms. Smith issued an invitation to the Grange's open house scheduled for some time in May.

### **3. Final Vote – FY2013 Project Application (Conservation Fund)**

Mr. DeGroot began by stating that we are already aware this project meets CPA eligibility. As we have decided to do away with the point system, we will be taking a vote on whether or not the CPC recommends the Conservation Fund application to Town Meeting.

Mr. Easom supplied the attached graphs and spreadsheets to make the CPC more aware of where we stand financially with Surrenden Farms and the trending taking place with the State Trust fund.

Mr. DeGroot thanked Mr. Easom for his presentation, especially given the adversity it might have to his own project.

It was mentioned that the amount requested could always be amended. Mr. DeGroot asked Ms. Jenkins for her opinion. According to Ms. Jenkins, she has no preference as both the Conservation fund and the CPC fund are just two different savings accounts.

After a brief discussion, the following votes were taken:

Mr. Hewitt moved to reduce the sum requested on project 2012-02, Conservation Fund from \$150,000 to \$100,000. There was no second, and the motion was amended to the following:

Ms. Smigelski moved to reduce the sum requested on project 2012-02, Conservation Fund from \$150,000 to \$120,000. Mr. Hewitt seconded. The motion was defeated with a vote of 2 in favor and 2 against (DeGroot, Easom).

Mr. Easom stated he would be more comfortable having all members present for this vote. After a brief discussion, Mr. DeGroot stated he would like to take this vote again at our next scheduled meeting. In light of the new information shared by Mr. Easom, the 2 weeks will give the Committee a chance to digest the recent facts.

#### **4. Articles for Town Meeting**

##### **-See Attachment**

Mr. Easom moved to submit Article 13 using the attached figures. Mr. DeGroot seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Easom moved to accept the updated article 15. Mr. Hewitt seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

**2006-11 Lost Lake Basketball Court** – N/A

**2007-13 GHA-Nashua Rd.** – N/A

**2010-01 Field of Dreams**- Fencing is almost complete.

**2010-04 Groton Grange** –Mr. Easom will complete close-out documents.

**2011-04 Communitywide Survey – Agriculture** – Ready to close-out

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

**2012-04 Historic Records Restoration, Phase 4** – 60% of the documents have been received.

**2012-05 Prescott Reuse Feasibility Assessment** – Mr. Easom attended the presentation given by the Selectmen. In his opinion, the information received from the feasibility assessment was both very extensive and impressive. There were a number of very interesting options to investigate.

**2012-08 Rehabilitation for Governor Boutwell House** –See #1 above

#### **6. Minutes**

Mr. Hewitt moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2012 as drafted. Mr. Easom seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **7. Invoices/Documents**

Invoice # 17723	Bargmann Hendrie & Archetype	\$10,800	Prescott Reuse
Invoice # 207467	Kofile Inc.Research	\$25,323	Historic Documents
Invoice # Misc.	Habitat Advisory Group	\$2,379.49	Boutwell House
Invoice # 207	Freedom Printing	\$637.50	Agricultural Survey
Invoice# N/A	Groton Herald	\$45.00	Public Hearing

Grange Final Report • Boutwell Budget Summary • CPC Funds spreadsheets & Graphs

## **8. New Business**

Mr. DeGroot mentioned that an interest form has been submitted by Gineane Haberlin. Ms. Smigelski has worked with Ms. Haberlin on the Hazel Grove Committee and vouched for her professionalism. Ms. Miller was asked to invite Ms. Haberlin to the next meeting.

Mr. Easom let the Committee know that he has spoken with Valerie Jenkins, Town Accountant and there is still concern regarding a shortfall in the administrative fund. Mr. DeGroot will contact Mr. Haddad regarding the situation.

## **9. Closing**

Mr. Hewitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smigelski seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathy Miller