

Groton Community Preservation Committee
Minutes from January 13, 2014 at 7:00pm
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Richard Hewitt, Russ Burke, Bruce Easom, Richard Hewitt, Dan Emerson (7:05P)
Not Present: Gineane Haberlin
Others Present: Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hewitt at 7:03PM.

Boutwell House Restoration – Al Collins

Mr. Al Collins was present to submit invoices for signatures for the Boutwell house restoration - ADA Walkway. He stated the walkway construction is underway. He handed out 2 sheets that showed 3 categories of previously allocated funds for various projects that were under budget. The second sheet consisted of the ADA Walkway costs and funds that were re-allocated from the under budget projects. He stated the concrete work, regarding and the ADA Parking spot will most likely start in the spring. Lastly, he mentioned the Historical society is soliciting funds for the landscaping.

- During the signing of various invoices it was noted that Member Easom refrained from signing an invoice submitted by Mr. Collins, as the Manager of the project. Member Easom stated that Mr. Collins time was not included in the application per his interpretation.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for their time.

Application with waived preliminary deadline – 2015-11 Housing Coordinator

Chairman Hewitt stated this falls in the Community Housing portion of the Allowable Spending Chart, therefore it meets the criteria for a draft proposal. Member Emerson made a motion to accept the proposal. Member Burke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

- Member Easom noted there was a one dollar discrepancy in the table on Page 3 and what was submitted on the application (\$47,618 vs \$47,619).
- Member Burke added that the Planning Board had voted unanimously to support this and a letter of support is forthcoming.

Baddacook Revitalization

Attendees: James Leuning, Claire Macy, Bill Strickland, Francoise Forbes, Chris Forbes

Mr. Leuning was present representing the Baddacook Revitalization CPC submittal. He stated the proposal was presented to the Board of Selectmen who wanted to wait upon word regarding the Notice of Intent from the Conservation Commission, who wanted to wait upon word regarding review of the Sonar Safety from the Groton Water Department. Chairman Hewitt stated obtaining letters of support from these Town Boards would be helpful towards the application. Member Easom asked if there were timelines for the application of the herbicide, Notice of Intent, Funding a basic project timeline. Mr. Leuning answered not at the moment but he expected this to be done before the end of the fiscal year. He stated the project needs to start based on when the Lake would be viable to the application. As long as they have approval from Town Meeting they are allowed to contract with the applier.

Ledge Rock – Fran Stanley, Parks Commission Assistant

The discussion regarding this Ledge Rock proposal revolved around the fact that it was essentially a re-submission for 41K in order to secure a Site Plan Review. The Commission is asking to be able to spend it without encumbrance. Member Easom stated they should add a "Decision Flow Chart". Member Burke inquired

about Hazel Grove. Gineane Haberlin stated they were asked for a withdrawal letter but has not heard from them.

Milestone Restoration – Bob DeGroot

Bob DeGroot stated the Milestone markers are just over 100 years old. He stated it was tough to get estimates for work and wished he had a better timeline to offer, but felt it was a suitable framework for the Committee. Chairman Hewitt asked if it was clear whether or not the markers were on public or private land. Mr. DeGroot answered that Mark Haddad said the setbacks were more than enough but needed to confirm with Highway Surveyor, Tom Delaney. Member Easom noted only 17 out of 27 were marked to be restored and asked Mr. DeGroot how they had come to that decision. Mr. DeGroot stated several issues were evaluated such as readability, position ect.

Conservation Fund – Bruce Easom

Mr. Easom stated the figure will stay at 200K until the committee hears more from the state. Chairman Hewitt thanked the Conservation Commission for their continued flexibility.

Sargisson Beach

Groton Pool and Golf Center

The Committee felt that a separate application should be submitted. Member DeGroot felt that more details can be flushed out such as: A clear Management Plan, a formal cost estimate, and include letters of support. Chairman Hewitt will invite him to the next meeting. Member Easom suggested the committee maybe ask him to prioritize and concentrate on just one application.

Parks Commission Submission(s)

The Committee decided since one of the Members-at-large was ill, it would agree to accept submission, if it were the case that the responsible Commission member was unable to submit the application(s) due to illness rather than tardiness.

Budget Update

No new news regarding the Budget.

Minutes

Member Burke made a motion to approve the December 9, 2013 Minutes with edits. Vice Chair DeGroot seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Member Easom made a motion to approve the December 23, 2013 Minutes with edits. Member Burke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

2013 Annual Town Report

The Annual Town Report is due on January 24, 2014. Member Easom made a motion to delegate the Chairman Richard Hewitt to work with Regina Beausoleil regarding the report. Member Burke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Member Easom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM. Member Emerson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

APPROVED: JULY 25, 2016

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