

Groton Community Preservation Committee
Minutes from March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Richard Hewitt, Russ Burke (7:15P), Bruce Easom, Richard Hewitt, Dan Emerson (7:05P)
Others Present: Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hewitt at 7:03PM.
Chairman Hewitt announced the timeline for the audience and the public:

- ☐ *20132014 Community Preservation Plan released by: September 10, 2013*
- ☐ *Submission of one or two page Required Project Summary (RPS): October 28, 2013*
- ☐ *Feedback regarding RPS: November 18, 2013*
- ☐ *Deadline for Complete Draft Proposals (CDP) submitted to CPC by: 4 PM on January 13, 2014*
- ☐ *Prepare written feedback to be provided to applicants– February 10, 2014*
- ☐ *Public Hearing to discuss feedback on CDPs: March 10, 2014*
- ☐ *Deadline for Final Proposal (no further changes accepted) by 4 PM on: March 24, 2014*
- ☐ *Final Vote- Deliver Recommendations for Town Warrant by: March 31, 2014*
- ☐ *Vote at Spring Town Meeting: April 28, 2014*

2015-01 Field of Dreams – Jonathan Strauss, Park Commissioner

Mr. Strauss noted that the Commission did not receive any letters of concern regarding the project or submission. Chairman Hewitt asked if the snow will cause delay for the Commission. Mr. Strauss stated they were trying to improve they're standing relative to the Building site. The funds are for Level II Site Plan Review. He further stated the PARC Grant is due mid-July and the Planning Board suggested it would need a couple of meetings to review. Member Easom asked if the new work proposed would have been a part of the original scope. Mr. Strauss answered that it would.

2015-11 Housing Coordinator – Michelle Collette, Land Use Director

Ms. Collette was before the Committee to support increasing the Housing Coordinators hours. She stated over the years the position has evolved. The current housing coordinator has contributed countless hours of time towards the position. Ms. Collette asked if the committee needed anything further submitted. The Committee agreed the application was complete.

Sargisson Beach – Andrew Davis, John Giger

Mr. Davis stated the Town Manager has asked that all new services be held due to the School Budget crisis. This includes the opening of Sargisson Beach. He stated the Town Manager said this hold may be in place for 2 years. Mr. Davis went on further to say the Committee still has FY14 funds still available for Safety that can be used for things such as signage. The plan is to put the proposal into phases with 50K to start in the North End of the property. This work is to include pushing sand, and moving a large boulder. Chairman Hewitt asked where the 50K figure came from. Mr. Davis stated it depended on what was available from the DPW free of costs such as some granite rocks they may have available. He stated the 50K was a minimum to start any work. Member Easom asked if the directive was for no new services for FY15. Mr. Davis affirmed that was correct, No new services. Mr. Giger stated given state of the ground cover (much snow) the Beach wouldn't be ready for a Memorial Day opening anyway. Mr. Davis estimated the Beach will be at least 2 months behind.

Member Haberlin asked why the Conservation Commission couldn't help with costs. Mr. Davis stated they met with the Conservation Commission. The Commission has reserve funds for signage, and Port-a-potties. The Ranger position has moved over to the Sargisson Beach Committee. Mr. Giger stated there may be room for more discussion regarding the beach with the Town Manager. Member Haberlin asked why Conservation cannot protect their own property. Member Easom as the Conservation Representative stated the Beach used to be a line item in the Conservation Commission Budget up until the budget crisis.

Mr. Davis noted that Cons. Comm support has been there, such as the recent Eagle Scout Project that was overseen by the Cons Comm.

Baddacook Revitalization

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

Mr. Leuning stated the Great Ponds Advisory Committee would like to amend their original application. According to Mr. Leuning based upon recommendations from the Groton Water Commissioners, the Committee is looking to fund studies on the effects of Sonar. He gave a brief background on Baddacook Pond and included a quick future outlook on what the Committee plans to do as far as education and training boaters and users of the pond of the dangers of invasive species. Mr. Luening stated the Committee looked at many alternatives. Mr. Leuning stated all key challenges started with the Groton Water Commissioners.

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 etc.

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.

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
