



TOWN OF GROTON

173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Community Preservation Committee

Robert DeGroot, Chair - Historical Comm.
Timothy Siok – Parks Comm.
Carolyn Perkins - Planning Board
Bruce Easom - Conservation Comm.
Daniel Emerson - Housing Auth.
Richard Hewitt - at large
Michael Roberts - at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Richard Hewitt, Robert DeGroot, Mike Roberts, Daniel Emerson, Timothy Siok
Absent Members: Carolyn Perkins, Bruce Easom
Others Present: Robin Eibye

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert DeGroot at 7:10 p.m., and the agenda was reviewed.

2017-02 GDRSD TRACK UPDATE

Project Coordinator, Tom Orcutt presented the final invoice to the Committee for review. The Committee reviewed and approved the invoice for payment. Mr. Orcutt said the project was completed and requested that the project be officially closed.

BYLAW DISCUSSION

Bylaw discussion was continued due to Carolyn Perkins' absence.

FY2018 PROJECT DISCUSSION

Dan Emerson said he felt that it's important for applicants to know exactly how much funding is available so they can plan and prioritize their projects accordingly. Richard Hewitt agreed the information would be valuable for applicants as well as the Committee.

2018-10 Groton Herald Archive: Richard Hewitt said he was unclear as to whether or not the Groton Herald fits within the four corners of the coalition. It was noted that at the last meeting, the Committee invited Russell Harris to attend tonight's meeting to provide an update, but Mr. Harris chose not to attend.

2018-02 Baddacook Pond: Mr. Hewitt said he was concerned with the proposal and whether or not the project, if funded by a series of one year appropriations, would be viable. Mr. Hewitt will contact the coalition to inquire how similar multi-year projects should be handled.

2018-06 Groton Cemetery Association: Mr. Hewitt said he felt uncertain that the correct message would be communicated to the Cemetery Association. A discussion ensued about the four corners of the coalition and the applicants' responsibility to research and confirm if the project fits within the four corners of the coalition. It was confirmed that the Committee agreed to submit the information to the coalition for review and clarification.

PROJECT UPDATES

Michael Roberts confirmed that the **2017-04 GHC Monuments Restoration** project has been continued until spring 2017.

Tim Siok said the **2016-04 Basketball Courts** project has outstanding work that will be completed in spring 2017.

Robert DeGroot said he believed the **2016-03 Old Meeting House** project is near completion and will confirm with Al Collins on whether or not the project has been completed and should be officially closed.

Mr. Hewitt said he'd appreciate an annual update from the Housing Coordinator, Fran Stanley informing the Committee how Groton compared to the state's expectations and where the Town is with housing goals. For example, "Is affordable housing making progress" Mr. Hewitt agreed to forward a list of questions to Dan Emerson for Fran Stanley in regards to where the Town is in achieving their housing goals.

2017-04 GHC Monuments Restoration is on hold until spring 2017.

2017-05 Friends of Prescott Mr. Roberts noted that Bruce Easom is on the committee and will provide an update at the next meeting on January 23, 2017.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Budget update will be provided at the next meeting.

MINUTES

Draft minutes from November 28, 2016, were reviewed.

Richard Hewitt moved to accept the November 28, 2016, minutes as amended. Michael Roberts seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Carolyn Perkins, absent; Bruce Easom, absent)

Daniel Emerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant

APPROVED: JANUARY 23, 2017
