



TOWN OF GROTON
173 Main Street
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Community Preservation Committee
Bruce Easom, Chair
Timothy Siok – Parks Comm.
Carolyn Perkins - Planning Board
Robert DeGroot – Historical Comm.
Daniel Emerson - Housing Auth.
Michael Roberts - at large
Richard Hewitt - at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Robert DeGroot, Bruce Easom, Carolyn Perkins, Daniel Emerson, Timothy Siok
Absent Members: Richard Hewitt, Michael Roberts
Others Present: Robin Eibye

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Easom at 7:06 p.m., and the agenda was reviewed.

OLD MEETING HOUSE PROJECT DISCUSSION

Al Collins was present. It was confirmed that Robert Hargraves was not in attendance. He visited Town Hall this afternoon to say he no longer had questions about the project. Al Collins provided an overview of the project. The Committee said it was one of their most successful projects.

BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

James Luening was present and provided a project status handout to Committee members. Mr. Luening said approximately 150-180 cubic yards of debris was removed from the pond, and a total of 3.3 acres were cleared.

Carolyn Perkins asked Mr. Luening if he felt the project was a success and if the project accomplished what it set out to. Mr. Luening said the project was very successful in clearing out the debris and weeds.

Mr. Easom asked if Mr. Luening talked with the Water Commissioners about the project. It was confirmed that there has been constant communication with the Water Commissioners.

Robert DeGroot asked an audience member if they were recording the meeting. Russ Harris stated his name and confirmed he was recording the meeting.

CPC BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Easom provided a budget update to the Committee and noted that no information has been released on the state match funds. A discussion ensued about the state match fund amount.

2017-2018 TWO-PAGE REQUIRED PROJECT SUMMARY REVIEW

Bruce Easom provided an overview of the application process and made note of the dates listed in the 2017-2018 CPA Schedule.

- **2019-01 HOUSING COORDINATOR**

The two-page project summary was reviewed. There were no questions.

- **2019-02 OLD MEETING HOUSE/FIRST PARISH CHURCH PRESERVATION PHASE 2**

The Committee reviewed the two-page project summary. Steve Lieman provided a description of the proposed project and said phase 2 includes windows, painting below the roof line, clock repairs and masonry work. Al Collins noted that The Old Meeting House/First Meeting House is one of the most historic structures in Town.

- **2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADE 2019**

Bruce Easom recused himself and left the meeting. It was confirmed that the application was submitted by the Friends of Prescott. On October 30, 2017, the Selectmen voted in favor of the application. Mary Jennings provided a project overview. Ms. Jennings confirmed the funding request for \$215,000 is to add sprinklers and ADA improvements to the building. Carolyn Perkins said automatic door openers or other ADA improvements do not qualify for CPA funding and encouraged the Friends of Prescott to look into other options for the ADA improvements. Ms. Jennings said the Friends would look into other options to fund the ADA improvements. Bruce Easom returned to the meeting.

- **2019-04 J.D. POOR MURAL PRESERVATION**

Carolyn Perkins read a conflict of interest disclosure and asked if anyone had objections to her not recusing herself from the meeting. There were no objections. Bobbie Spiegelman introduced herself and provided an overview of the project. Robert DeGroot asked how the murals are removed without compromising their integrity. Al Collins explained the entire walls are removed and then reinstalled in the new location.

- **2019-05 BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION YEAR 3**

The Committee reviewed the application and Jim Luening provided a brief project summary. Ms. Perkins asked Mr. Luening to explain the difference from years one and two. Mr. Luening said each year they will work on difference areas of the pond.

- **2019-06 MARION STODDART RIVERWALK**

Paul Funch was present and provided the Committee and audience with an overview of the proposed project. Mr. Funch said the proposed Marion Stoddart Riverwalk will be a fully accessible trail that goes along the Nashua River.

- **2019-07 LIBRARY HISTORIC POCKET DOORS**

Vanessa Abraham introduced herself. Committee members reviewed the two-page summary and a brief discussion ensued about the project.

- **2019-08 DUCK POND RESTORATION**

Bob Anderson introduced himself and provided a summary of the proposed project. He said the project addresses environmental degradation in Duck Pond. Mr. Anderson said the 26-acre pond has public access. Mr. Easom asked who Duck Pond belongs to, and Mr. Anderson confirmed he was uncertain.

▪ **2019-09 CONSERVATION FUND FY19**

Takashi Tada said he was in attendance for the Conservation Administrator, Nik Gualco. The application was reviewed. Mr. Easom noted that the application is similar to previous applications received.

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for the 2019-01 Housing Coordinator proposed project. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-02 Old Meeting House /First Parish Preservation, Phase 2. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-03 Prescott School Upgrade 2019.

Carolyn Perkins noted the ADA improvements would need to be removed from the application as they do not qualify for CPA funding.

Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 4:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent, Bruce Easom, abstain)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-04 JD Poor Mural Preservation. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-05 Baddacook Pond Restoration, Year 3. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-06 Marion Stoddart Riverwalk. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-07 Library Pocket Doors. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-08 Duck Pond Reservation. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend the submission of a draft application for 2019-09 Conservation Fund FY19. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed and signed invoices.

PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE*

Tim Siok said he submitted applications to the Sign Committee for the Basketball Courts and Fitch's Bridge. Bruce Easom said the sign-holder/frame is ready for installation at Surrenden Farm. Robert DeGroot said he has yet to submit the Sargisson's Beach sign application to the Sign Committee, and he confirmed the application will be submitted prior to the next CPC meeting.

Carolyn Perkins moved that the CPC not require a sign at the John Tinker Trail. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried 5.0. (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

MINUTES

Draft minutes from September 25, 2017, were reviewed.

Robert DeGroot moved to accept the September 25, 2017, minutes as written. Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 5:0 (Richard Hewitt, absent; Michael Roberts, absent)

Carolyn Perkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 27, 2017
