



**TOWN OF GROTON**  
173 Main Street  
Groton, MA 01450

**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: Thursday, March 1, 2018  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main Street  
Members Present: Robert DeGroot, Bruce Easom, Daniel Emerson, Carolyn Perkins, Michael Roberts  
Absent Members: Richard Hewitt, Timothy Siok  
Others Present: Russ Harris

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Easom and the agenda was reviewed.

### FY2019 PROJECT DISCUSSION

- **2019-01 Housing Coordinator:** Funding request amount is \$43,593. Dan Emerson said a task of semi-annual report should be added to the deliverables. Carolyn Perkins read Richard Hewitt's email dated February 26, 2018. (see attached).
- **2019-02 FIRST PARISH - PHASE 2:** Funding request amount is \$65,000. Robert DeGroot said the CPC needs to check out painting as maintenance. The issue of painting needs to be determined by Town Counsel as to maintenance or not. Ms. Perkins read Tim Siok's email dated February 26, 2018. (see attached). Bruce Easom said the application should include plans to create a Historic Restriction on the building to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. A discussion took place and the Committee agree to follow up with the Community Preservation Coalition based on the recommendation for non-town owned CPC funded projects.
- **2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES:** Funding request amount is \$279,180. Bruce Easom abstained from the discussion. Ms. Perkins said the application should address the impact of changes in the building code update to Edition 9, if any, in their mission to provide classes at Prescott. In addition, the application should address concerns with the reissue of the RFP for the lease and how it may impact your standing as applicants for CPC money.
- **2019-04 JD Poor Mural Preservation:** Funding request amount is \$25,000. Mr. Emerson read Richard Hewitt's email dated February 26, 2018. (see attached). Michael Roberts said financial and/or other contributions would improve the application. Mr. Roberts also suggested the application describe who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the paintings and

include a task to create an interpretive component for each of the murals. Mr. Easom said the application should describe who the owner of the paintings will be, how they will be memorialized and how the public interest in having these privately-owned works of art will be protected over time. Mr. Easom also recommended to include a definitive letter from the current owner of the historic work of art describing the intention of the owner. In addition, the letter should include the anticipated process dealing with the Historic Commission in the Town of Groton. The building and artwork should be described both together and as separate historic artifacts. Include a letter from the house owner re-iterating that the removal of the murals will not compromise the structural integrity of the building. Spell out the actions by the Groton Inn to facilitate the project. Financial and/or other contributions would improve the application. The Committee agreed to review the proposal with Town Counsel to make sure any required restrictions to make this proposal allowable under CH44 B are met. Russ Harris asked why the Prescott house need to be demolished, and does moving paintings out of its original context decrease the value of the historic art work? A discussed ensued and the Committee agreed to review the proposal with Town Counsel regarding restrictions allowable under CH44B are met.

Committee members agreed that all applications would be improved by numerous letters of support for the taxpayers/voters.

- **2019-05 Baddacook Pond Restoration - Yr. 3:** Funding request amount is \$140,000. Mr. Roberts said to include a task requiring an annual end-of-season report on the past, current and planned work. Ms. Perkins said the application should explain what are the effects (if any) of waiting for FY2020 funds instead of FY2019 funds on the overall effectiveness of the project.
- **2019-06 Marion Stoddart Riverwalk:** Funding request amount is \$19,200. Ms. Perkins said the application should include a letter from the identified owner approving the project. The Committee requested a status report on how the John Tinker trail is holding up over the winter.
- **2019-07 Library Pocket Doors:** Funding Request amount is \$9,500. Mr. DeGroot said to include a step-by-step project plan that details who is responsible and for what in more detail.
- **2019-08 Duck Pond Restoration:** Funding Request amount is \$43,500. Mr. Easom said to add a task to show how the ownership question will be resolved. Ms. Perkins said the application should defines the pond's owner and include a letter from the identified owner approving the project.
- **2019-09 Conservation Fund:** Funding request amount is \$25,000. Ms. Perkins said that further explanation on urgency for additional \$25K given that \$760K already is in Conservation Fund would be beneficial.

A discussion ensued and the Committee agreed that they would prefer to receive applications in PDF format, but that it is not required.

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

The Committee reviewed and signed invoices.

**Michael Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Daniel Emerson seconded and the motion carried. 5:0.**

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Respectfully submitted by Bruce Easom, Chairman

**APPROVED: MARCH 12, 2018**

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