



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.
Richard Hewitt - at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Robert DeGroot, Bruce Easom, Daniel Emerson, Richard Hewitt, Carolyn Perkins, Timothy Siok
Absent Members: N/A
Others Present: Robin Eibye

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Easom at 7:00 p.m., and the agenda was reviewed.

Mr. Easom said an email from Town Counsel, David Doneski was received and that it provided input into using CPA funds for the Old Meeting House proposed project. (see attached)

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL ROBERTS

- o Carolyn Perkins said Mike was hugely committed to the Town and he will be missed greatly.
- o Dan Emerson said he would like to thank Mike for being the prime driver of the CPA for the Town.
- o Timothy Siok said Mike was very dedicated and will be missed.
- o Richard Hewitt said Michael's tremendous foresight was instrumental in many CPC projects, and he would like to see him honored in the future.
- o Robert DeGroot said Mike was a good friend, mentor and guiding light to the Town and the Community Preservation Committee.
- o Bruce Easom said he'd known Michael since 2004. Mr. Easom provided an overview of his time shared with Mr. Roberts on several different committees since 2004. Bruce said the dedication and vision of Mike Roberts was instrumental in the CPC's success in the Town of Groton.

Mr. Easom said there's now an opening on the Committee and he welcomed candidates to join.

CPC BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Easom provided an update on the budget and reviewed the Preliminary FY2019 Groton Community Preservation Act Project Funding Scenario spreadsheets. (see attached)

Mr. Easom asked for the Committee's thoughts on adjusting 100% of the local forecast. Mr. DeGroot said it's better to be safe than sorry. Richard Hewitt said he's not comfortable going up to \$200,000. Timothy Siok and Dan Emerson said they would be comfortable going up possibly by \$100,000. Carolyn Perkins said she would be comfortable with the projected \$630,000. Bruce Easom said he was comfortable with the 2017 number which is approximately \$670,000. A brief discussion ensued and the Committee agreed to adjust the projection revenue to \$670,000 for FY19.

Carolyn Perkins moved to adjust the Projection Local Surcharge Revenue to \$670,000 for FY2019.

Dan Emerson seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

Bruce Easom said Patricia DuFresne confirmed that in 2017 the Department of Revenue provided their state match in May.

Carolyn Perkins moved to accept the adjusted budget forecast with the new figure for the Local Surcharge Revenue and the State Match Revenue.

Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried. 6:0.

2018 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

Mr. Easom said at the BOS and Finance Committee meeting last week, the Selectmen and Committee members hoped to discuss all Warrant articles, including CPC proposals. A brief discussion ensued and the Committee agreed to push up all the dates by two weeks to accommodate the Finance Committee and BOS processes.

REVIEW AND RATE FY2019 FINAL APPLICATION PROPOSALS

2019-01 HOUSING COORDINATOR

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-01 Housing Coordinator application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 30
- Richard Hewitt = 32
- Daniel Emerson = 38
- Carolyn Perkins = 34
- Robert DeGroot = 32
- Tim Siok = 36
- **Average Score = 33.66**

2019-02 OLD MEETING HOUSE FIRST PARISH – PHASE 2

Mr. Easom referenced the email dated Monday, March 26, 2018, from Town Counsel regarding the CPA grant for the Old Meeting House project. Mr. Easom noted the second paragraph which provided Town Counsel's view on the matter (see attached). A discussion ensued about whether or not the "painting" falls under restoration or maintenance. Mr. Hewitt said he supported the application as written. Mr. DeGroot said he agreed the project is a restoration project. Mr. Easom asked the Committee if the CPC should recommend the project to Town meeting. Mr. Easom said if the CPC recommended the project to Town Meeting it would be a disservice and potentially damage the reputation of the CPC. Mr. Easom said he talked with Town Manager, Mark Haddad and he had no objections to the Committee recommending the application to Town Meeting but suggested that no expenditures take place until receiving guidance from the court. A discussion ensued about Town Counsel's recommendation.

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. A discussion ensued about multiple year funding and the possibility of amending the application.

The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-02 OLD MEETING HOUSE/FIRST PARISH – PHASE 2 application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 17
- Richard Hewitt = 29
- Daniel Emerson = 27
- Carolyn Perkins = 29
- Robert DeGroot = 31
- Tim Siok = 30
- **Average Score = 27.16**

2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES

Bruce Easom left the meeting. Jack Petropoulos said he was not here representing the Board of Selectmen, but as an individual selectman in support of the application. Mr. Petropoulos discussed the need for change in use from educational use to business use to preserve the building and the Town's ability to retain the building. A discussion ensued about sprinkling the building and it was noted that sprinklers are the key issue in getting the change of use for the building. A discussion ensued about seismic code.

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES application were as follows:

- Richard Hewitt = 31
- Daniel Emerson = 29
- Carolyn Perkins = 28
- Robert DeGroot = 27
- Tim Siok = 32
- **Average Score = 29.4**

2019-04 JD POOR MURAL PRESERVATION

Carolyn Perkins moved to the back of the meeting room. Dan Emerson said he read a recent article about the possibility of preserving the entire building and how removing the murals would complicate preserving the building. Mr. Siok said more information is needed. Mr. Hewitt said although it is not ideal he would support moving forward in removing the murals to preserve them because leaving them in the building without a plan would be risky. Mr. DeGroot said he was conflicted as he supported preserving the murals but thought the murals should stay put until. Mr. Easom discussed a "Deed of Gift" and provided a brief overview of such and how it would pertain to the JD Poor Mural artwork. Mr. Easom said he would like to see a requirement that there would be a Deed of Gift that describes ownership and a Deed of Custody in place prior to funds being expended.

Albert Collins said a conservator had looked at the murals and recommended that the murals be removed as soon as possible. Mr. Collins made special note of the fact that the murals had already been gifted and they no longer belong to the building.

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-04 JD POOR MURAL PRESERVATION application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 25
- Richard Hewitt = 30
- Daniel Emerson = 30
- Robert DeGroot = 33
- Tim Siok = 33
- **Average Score = 30.2**

2019-05 BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION

Carolyn Perkins asked when phase three would begin. Mr. Luening confirmed July 2019.

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-05 BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 26
- Richard Hewitt = 30
- Daniel Emerson = 27
- Carolyn Perkins = 26
- Robert DeGroot = 31
- Tim Siok = 32
- **Average Score = 28.66**

2019-06 MARION STODDART RIVERWALK

Carolyn Perkins asked for confirmation that the access to the property had been resolved. Paul Funch said Attorney Collins was working to resolve the situation and asked the Committee to defer to Town Meeting.

Committee members reviewed the application and agreed the application does not meet the minimum requirements. The CPC agreed not to recommend the application to Town Meeting.

2019-07 LIBRARY POCKET DOORS

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-07 LIBRARY POCKET DOORS application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 24
- Richard Hewitt = 25
- Daniel Emerson = 31
- Carolyn Perkins = 23
- Robert DeGroot = 28
- Tim Siok = 29
- **Average Score = 26.66**

2019-08 DUCK POND RESTORATION

Bruce Easom said although the letter from Town Counsel was received, the application is incomplete until a letter from the land owner is received per the CPC application requirements. A brief discussion ensued.

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-08 DUCK POND RESTORATION application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 25
- Richard Hewitt = 31
- Daniel Emerson = 29
- Carolyn Perkins = 27
- Robert DeGroot = 30
- Tim Siok = 30
- **Average Score = 28.66**

2019-09 FY19 Conservation Fund

Committee members reviewed the application for qualifications, eligibility, scoring, and value and agreed the application meets the minimum requirements. The CPC Response Sheet scores for the 2019-09 FY19 CONSERVATION FUND application were as follows:

- Bruce Easom = 27
- Richard Hewitt = 30
- Daniel Emerson = 28
- Carolyn Perkins = 21
- Robert DeGroot = 24
- Tim Siok = 30
- **Average Score = 26.66**

FY2019 final application proposals by average score from largest average to smallest average were as follows:

1. 2019-01 – HOUSING COORDINATOR
2. 2019-04 – JD POOR MURAL PRESERVATION
3. 2019-03 – PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES
4. 2019-04 – BADDACOOK POND
5. 2019-05 – DUCK POND RESTORATION
6. 2019-02 – OLD MEETING HOUSE/FIRST PARISH
7. 2019-07 – LIBRARY POCKET DOORS
8. 2019-09 – CONSERVATION FUND

PROJECT PROPOSAL VOTE

2019-01 HOUSING COORDINATOR

Carolyn Perkins moved to recommend application #2019-01 HOUSING COORDINATOR for funding in the amount of \$43,593 to be funded out of the Community Housing Reserve bucket to Town Meeting for consideration.

Robert DeGroot seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

2019-02 OLD MEETING HOUSE FIRST PARISH – PHASE 2

A discussion ensued about partial funding and Mr. DeGroot suggested partially funding the project in the amount of \$35,000. The Committee agreed to fund \$41,600.

Robert DeGroot moved to recommend application #2019-02 OLD MEETING HOUSE/FIRST PARISH for partial funding in the amount of \$41,600 to be funded out of the Unallocated Reserve bucket to Town Meeting for consideration contingent upon the use for the sanctuary windows north and south, clock restoration, project management and contingency fees.

Dan Emerson seconded and the motion carried 5:1 (Bruce Easom, opposed).

2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES

Carolyn Perkins moved to recommend application #2019-03 PRESCOTT SCHOOL UPGRADES for funding in the amount of \$130,000 to be funded out of the Historic Reserve bin and \$145,330 out of the Unallocated Reserve bucket to Town Meeting for consideration.

Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried 5:1. (Bruce Easom, abstained)

2019-04 JD POOR MURAL PRESERVATION

Bruce Easom moved to recommend amended application #2019-04 JD POOR MURAL PRESERVATION for funding in the amount of \$18,000 to be funded out of the Historic Reserve bucket to Town Meeting and a requirement that no funds be dispersed until a Deed of Gift is executed between Indian Hill Music Center and the Groton Historic Society covering the ownership and custody of the murals to the standards provided by the society of American archivists and further a second Deed of Gift be executed between the Groton Historic Society and the Groton Inn regarding the custody for the murals also to the standards of the Society of American Archivists.

Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried 5:1. (Carolyn Perkins, abstained)

2019-05 BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION – YEAR 3

Carolyn Perkins moved to recommend application #2019-05 BADDACOOK POND RESTORATION – YEAR 3 for funding in the amount of \$30,000 out of the Open Space and Recreation Reserve bin and \$110,000 to be funded out of the Unallocated Reserve bin to Town Meeting for consideration.

Bruce Easom seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

2019-07 LIBRARY POCKET DOORS

Robert DeGroot moved to not recommend application #2019-07 LIBRARY POCKET DOORS due to insufficient funding.

Bruce Easom seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

2019-08 DUCK POND RESTORATION

Richard Hewitt moved to recommend application #2019-08 DUCK POND RESTORATION for funding in the amount of \$7,000 out of the Open Space Reserve bucket and \$42,000 to be funded out of the Unallocated Reserve bucket to Town Meeting for consideration.

Robert DeGroot seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

2019-09 CONSERVATION FUND FY19 PROJECT

Carolyn Perkins moved to not recommend application #2019-09 for funding due to insufficient funding.

Timothy Siok seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

MINUTES

Draft minutes from March 12, 2018, were reviewed.

Robert DeGroot moved to accept the March 12, 2018, minutes as written.

Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

Robert DeGroot moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Dan Emerson seconded and the motion carried 6:0.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Eibye, Executive Assistant

APPROVED: APRIL 9, 2018

APPROVED

Robin Eibye

From: Bruce H. Easom <beasom@concentric.net>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Mark Haddad; Josh Degen-Home
Cc: Dawn Dunbar; Robin Eibye
Subject: RE: Providing input to Town Counsel regarding CPA grant for Meeting House

Josh and Mark,

Thanks for the update from David. We will be discussing this tonight. It will be interesting.

Regards,

Bruce H. Easom

From: David Doneski [mailto:DDoneski@k-plaw.com]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 4:11 PM
To: 'Mark Haddad'; Josh Degen (josh@joshdegen.com)
Cc: beasom@concentric.net; Dawn Dunbar (ddunbar@townofgroton.org)
Subject: RE: Providing input to Town Counsel regarding CPA grant for Meeting House
Importance: High

Mark and Josh,

You have requested an opinion concerning the impact of the Supreme Judicial Court's March 9 decision in the case of Caplan v. Town of Acton on the Community Preservation Act funding application of First Parish Church, which is to be presented to the Spring Town Meeting as CPC Proposal B – Old Meeting House Preservation, Phase II. As you know, in the Caplan case the court considered a challenge to CPA funds voted by the Acton Town Meeting for two projects at the Acton Congregational Church on the grounds that award of the funds violated the so-called anti-aid amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution (Article 18 of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Articles 46 and 103 – hereafter the "Amendment"), which prohibits the "grant, appropriation or use of public money . . . for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any church, religious denomination or society." The court's decision is extensive and reviews many years of history and legislative action regarding the amendment, but I have attempted to present as short a response as possible while acknowledging that the analysis required by the court's decision will typically not be a quick exercise.

In my view, the Caplan ruling does not require a determination that an appropriation of CPA funds for the First Parish project would violate the anti-aid amendment. Rather, in my opinion, an evaluation of the project according to the three-factor test described by the court could permit the conclusion that appropriation of the funds requested is a permissible action under both the Community Preservation Act and the Amendment. Therefore, it is my view that the appropriation request may properly be presented to Town Meeting for action by the meeting.

In Caplan, the court declared that the constitutionality of public funds grants to active churches must be evaluated under the three-prong test previously set out in Commonwealth v. School Comm. of Springfield, 382 Mass. 665, 675 (1982) for grants to other private institutions. That test involves consideration of whether a motivating purpose of a grant is to aid the church, whether the grant will have the effect of substantially aiding the church, and whether the grant avoids the risks of the political and economic abuses that prompted the passage of the anti-aid amendment (e.g.,

entanglement of the government and public monies in religious institutions). At issue were a grant for restoration of stained glass windows which included religious images and a grant to fund a master plan for preservation of the church and its related buildings. The court ruled that the plaintiffs had a likelihood of success with respect to the stained glass windows grant and remanded to the Superior Court for entry of a preliminary injunction against disbursement of the grant. As to the master plan grant, the court remanded the matter for further proceedings. The court also concluded that, "in light of the history of the anti-aid amendment, a grant of public funds to an active church warrants careful scrutiny." (slip opinion at p.3)

The Acton church was described as being used for worship services and religious educational programs, housing a local day care center, serving as the site of meeting spaces for various community groups and containing a gift shop. It also has on its campus two house buildings, which are rented to local families.

In the Springfield case, the court had cautioned that the three factors "are not 'precise limits to the necessary constitutional inquiry,' but are instead guidelines to a proper analysis;" and added that each factor was "interrelated," and that any conclusion "results from a balancing" of the factors as applied to the facts of a particular case. 382 Mass. at 675. Applying the three factors to the Acton CPA appropriations, the court explained as follows:

Are the proposed grants "for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding [a] church." Art. 18, § 2? Where the stated purpose of the grants was historic preservation, the court noted that a proper inquiry was whether there was an impermissible "hidden" purpose but ruled that the record before it was insufficient to permit such a determination.

Will the grants provide substantial aid to the church?

The court stated that the aid must provide "substantial assistance" to the church "to risk violation of the anti-aid amendment," and that in evaluating this factor, it considered both the amount of the aid and "the degree to which the aid assists [the church] in carrying out [its] essential function." (slip opinion at pp. 33-34, quoting Springfield, supra, and Opinion of the Justices, 401 Mass. 1201, 1208 (1987). It found the grants "neither minimal nor insignificant," citing Opinion of the Justices, 401 Mass. at 1208: \$49,500 for the Master Plan and \$51,237 for the stained glass windows (the bulk of the total cost in each case). Also, noting that the church's application had referenced declining membership and contributions and stated the church would need the town's "help" in preserving its buildings, the court found "worrisome" the extent to which the grants would "assist the church in its "essential enterprise" as an active house of worship," and "defray planning and restoration costs that the church would otherwise have to shoulder on its own, allowing the money saved to be used to support its core religious activities." (slip opinion at p. 35) The court thus concluded "that the effect of these grants is to substantially aid the church." (Id. at 36)

On whether the grants would avoid the risks associated with passage of the anti-aid amendment, the court repeated the particular risks, as previously stated in Bloom v. School Comm. of Springfield, 376 Mass. 35, 39 (1978):

first, the risk that "liberty of conscience" would be infringed "whenever a citizen was taxed to support the religious institutions of others"; second, the risk that public funding would result in improper government entanglement with religion, undermining the "independence and dignity" of churches; and third, the risk that the public support of religious institutions would threaten "civic harmony," making the divisive "question of religion" a political question. (slip opinion at p. 37)

On the record before it, the court found the risks "significant," (slip opinion p. 38) noting they would preserve a worship space and stained glass windows with "explicit religious imagery and language;" (Id. at p. 39) that the town was requiring a preservation restriction that would limit the church's ability to make future alterations (which the court considered an infringement on religious liberty); (Id. at 39-41) and that the grants risked "threatening "civic harmony," by making the "question of religion" a political one. (Id. at p. 42, quoting Bloom, 376 Mass. at 39).

Notably, the court concluded its analysis with a comment on the breadth of its decision:

We do not suggest that fair consideration of the risks that prompted the passage of the anti-aid amendment means that every historic preservation grant for a church building will be unconstitutional. We only caution that any such grant to an active church warrants careful scrutiny under the three-factor Springfield test. The third factor is by no means a dispositive factor, only an important one. Indeed, we can imagine various circumstances where such grants would survive careful scrutiny, including, for instance, where historical events of great significance occurred in the church, or where the grants are limited to preserving church property with a primarily secular purpose. (slip opinion at p. 43)

In my view, the facts of the First Parish application place it within those types of circumstances that the Supreme Judicial Court posited as allowing a CPA grant to an active church to pass constitutional muster. While the CPA grant requested (\$65,000) may be seen as substantial, in light of the court's conclusion on the Acton grant amounts, and as funding a cost the church would otherwise bear on its own, the grant application and supporting materials do not, in my view, compel the conclusion that the grant would be for the purpose of "aiding" the church. The components of the project to be funded do not appear to relate primarily to matters of religious exercise: exterior paint and related preservation activities, preservation of clear glass windows, and restoration of the circa 1809 tower clock and bell. In addition, the church building has substantial historical significance apart from its identity as a house of worship, including its status as the oldest public building in the Town (built in 1755) and its historic use for various public and civic purposes, including a court and town hall, and its consequent incorporation into the public fabric of the community.

Finally, for reference and general consideration, I note that the concurring opinion of Justice Kafker, joined by Justice Gaziano, points to the issue of United States Constitution jurisprudence and comments that the Supreme Judicial Court's "analysis of the anti-aid amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution is tightly constrained by the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the religion clauses of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution" (concurring opinion at p. 1), most recently given in Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer, 137 S. Ct. 2012, 2019 (2017), which held that the exclusion of a church school and day care facility from a generally available public benefit program for the funding of rubber playground surfaces solely on account of a church's religious identity violated the free exercise clause of the First Amendment. It is likely that there will be additional litigation in this area.

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From: Mark Haddad [<mailto:mhaddad@townofgroton.org>]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 8:23 AM
To: David Doneski <DDoneski@k-plaw.com>
Subject: Fwd: Providing input to Town Counsel regarding CPA grant for Meeting House

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Lieman <steve.lieman@gmail.com>
Date: March 17, 2018 at 8:07:10 AM EDT
To: Mark Haddad <mhaddad@townofgroton.org>
Cc: Bruce Easom <beasom@concentric.net>, Robin Eibye <reibye@townofgroton.org>, Louis DiMola <louis@amtransportation.com>, June Johnson <june@commongroundmediation.net>
Subject: Re: Providing input to Town Counsel regarding CPA grant for Meeting House

Hi Mark,

As promised, here is the link to the final CPA application for the Meeting House Phase 2 Preservation (CPC 2019-02) that was filed with Groton's CPC this week. The application includes **Exhibit 1 Letters of Support** (pages 11-18) and **Exhibit 5 (Groups Using the Meeting House)** (Page 23) that are mentioned in the attached Key Factors document.

Exhibit 12 Public Benefit (Page 43) is also of relevance as is the **Project Description, Item 18** (Pages 4-8).

Please pass this on to Town Counsel and let us know if there are any further questions.

Best regards,

Steve Lieman
Old Groton Meeting House Advisory Committee
First Parish Church of Groton

On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 4:53 PM, Steve Lieman <steve.lieman@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mark,

As promised, here are our thoughts that we would like you to pass on to Town Counsel for consideration while reviewing CPA matters related to the recent SJC ruling in the Acton case and how it does or does not impact the Phase 2 Preservation grant for the Old Groton Meeting House.

Additional details will be available in the Full CPA Grant Application we will be filing this week. I will forward a **pdf** copy to you as soon as it is ready.

Best regards,
Steve Lieman

PS. Please let me know if you or have any questions. I can be reached by phone or text at 978-302-1301, or by email at steve.lieman@gmail.com

On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 10:03 AM, Steve Lieman <steve.lieman@gmail.com> wrote:

TO: Mark Haddad <mhaddad@townofgroton.org>

CC: Bruce Easom <beasom@concentric.net>

Robin Eibye <reibye@townofgroton.org>

Louis DiMola <louis@amtransportation.com>

June Johnson <june@commongroundmediation.net>

SUBJ: Providing input to Town Counsel regarding CPA grant for Meeting House

Hi Mark,

At last evening's CPC meeting Bruce Easom mentioned that Josh Degen had asked Town Counsel to review last Friday's (March 9) Supreme Judicial Court decision regarding CPA grants to a church in Acton and how that might apply to the proposed CPA grant this year for the Old Groton Meeting House (Groton CPC 2019-02).

In preparing our application we have researched and are assembling about **two pages of** material that we believe is relevant to this review. We would like to

know if we could send it to you to give to Town Counsel so it can be taken into account in that review.

Thanks
Steve Lieman
Old Groton Meeting House Advisory Committee
First Parish Church of Groton

Preliminary FY2019 Groton Community Preservation Act Project Funding Scenario

	Community Housing Reserve Unreserved Balance	Historic Reserve Unreserved Balance	Open Space & Recreation Reserve Unreserved Balance	Unallocated Reserve Unreserved Balance	Total
Balance forecast on 1 July 2018	\$442,435	\$76,148	\$23,587	\$252,384	\$794,553
FY2019 local surcharge revenue forecast	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$385,000	\$550,000
FY2019 state match revenue forecast	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$38,500	\$55,000
FY2019 interest revenue forecast	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$700	\$1,000
FY2019 CPC Administrative expenses				(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
FY2019 Surrenden Farm debt service			(\$60,000)	(\$419,603)	(\$479,603)
Funds available for other FY2019 projects	\$503,035	\$136,748	\$24,187	\$251,980	\$915,950
Housing Coordinator Salary	(\$43,593)				(\$43,593)
Old Meetinghouse		(\$65,000)			(\$65,000)
Prescott School Restoration Phase III		(\$275,330)			(\$275,330)
JD Poor Mural Preservation		(\$18,000)			(\$18,000)
Baddacock Pond Environmental Restoration			(\$140,000)		(\$140,000)
Marion Stoddart Riverwalk, Phase 1			(\$19,200)		(\$19,200)
Library Pocket Doors		(\$9,500)			(\$9,500)
Duck Pond Restoration			(\$49,000)		(\$49,000)
Conservation fund			(\$25,000)		(\$25,000)
Total requests	(\$43,593)	(\$367,830)	(\$233,200)	\$0	(\$644,623)
Unreserved bin balances on 30 June 2019	\$459,441.97	(\$231,082.24)	(\$209,012.95)	\$251,980.46	\$271,327.24

Preliminary FY2019 Groton Community Preservation Act Project Funding Scenario

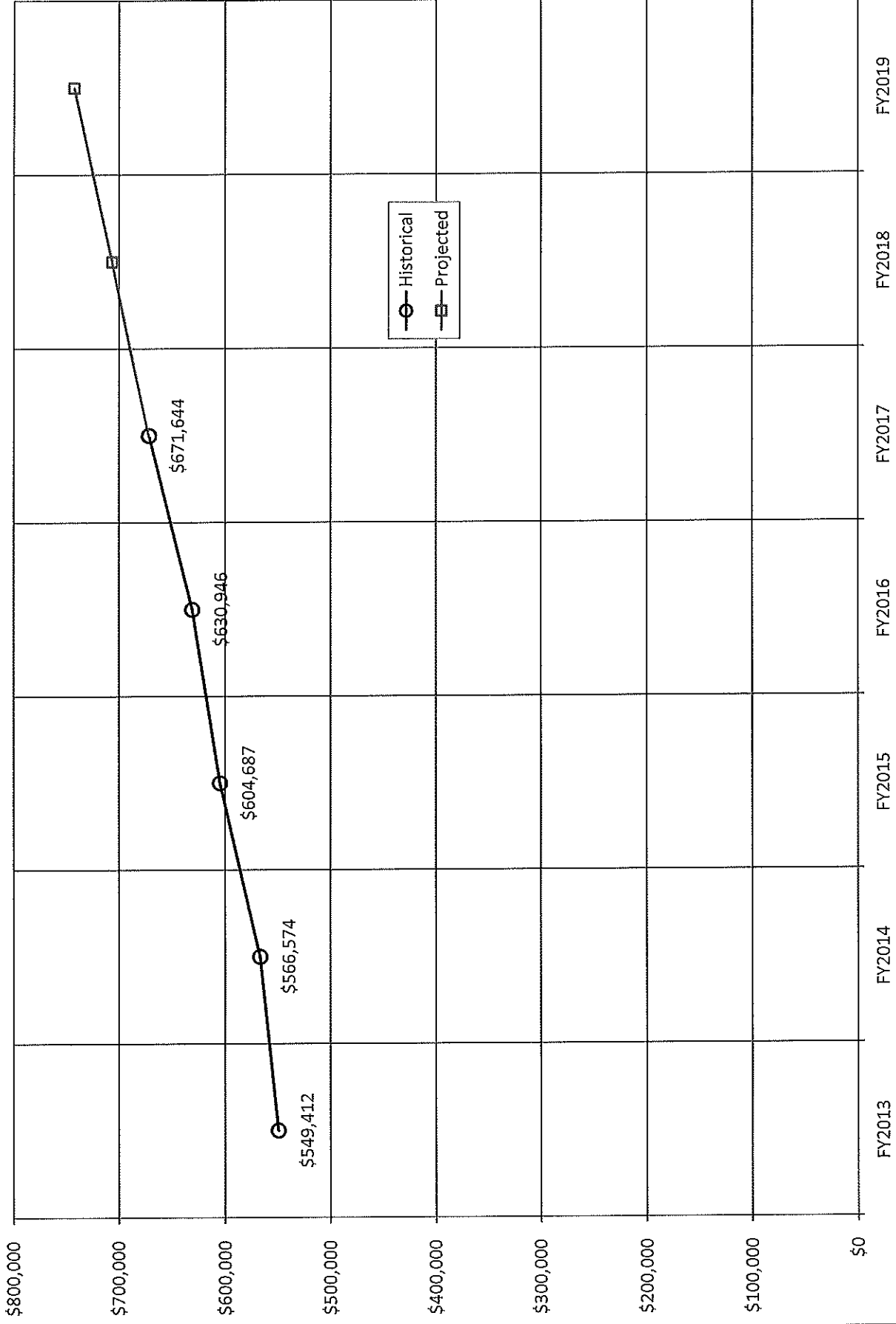
	Community Housing Reserve Unreserved Balance	Historic Reserve Unreserved Balance	Open Space & Recreation Reserve Unreserved Balance	Unallocated Reserve Unreserved Balance	Total
Balance forecast on 1 July 2018	\$442,435	\$76,148	\$23,587	\$252,384	\$794,553
FY2019 local surcharge revenue forecast	\$74,276	\$74,276	\$74,276	\$519,931	<u>\$742,759</u>
FY2019 state match revenue forecast	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$38,500	\$55,000
FY2019 interest revenue forecast	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$700	\$1,000
FY2019 CPC Administrative expenses				(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
FY2019 Surrenden Farm debt service			(\$60,000)	(\$419,603)	(\$479,603)
Funds available for other FY2019 projects	\$522,311	\$156,024	\$43,463	\$386,912	\$1,108,709
Housing Coordinator Salary	(\$43,593)				(\$43,593)
Old Meetinghouse		(\$65,000)			(\$65,000)
Prescott School Restoration Phase III		(\$63,330)		(\$212,000)	(\$275,330)
JD Poor Mural Preservation		(\$18,000)			(\$18,000)
Baddacock Pond Environmental Restoration				(\$140,000)	(\$140,000)
Marion Stoddart Riverwalk, Phase 1			(\$18,000)	(\$1,200)	(\$19,200)
Library Pocket Doors		(\$9,500)			(\$9,500)
Duck Pond Restoration				(\$49,000)	(\$49,000)
Conservation fund			(\$25,000)		(\$25,000)
Total requests	(\$43,593)	(\$155,830)	(\$43,000)	(\$402,200)	(\$644,623)
Unreserved bin balances on 30 June 2019	\$478,718	\$194	\$463	(\$15,288)	<u>\$464,086</u>

	Local CPA	Change from	Change from	
	Surcharge	Previous Year	Previous Year	
FY2013	\$549,411.56			History
FY2014	\$566,574.34	\$17,162.78	3.12%	\$549,411.56
FY2015	\$604,687.48	\$38,113.14	6.73%	\$566,574.34
FY2016	\$630,945.62	\$26,258.14	4.34%	\$604,687.48
FY2017	\$671,644.29	\$40,698.67	6.45%	\$630,945.62
FY2018	\$706,307.26	\$34,662.97	5.16%	\$671,644.29
FY2019	\$742,759.16	\$36,451.90	5.16%	\$706,307.26
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Groton CPA Local Surcharge Revenue by Fiscal Year



	Bob	Richard	Tim	Dan	Carolyn	Bruce	Total	Average
Marion Stoddart Riverwalk, Phase 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	#DIV/0!
Housing Coordinator Salary	32	32	36	38	34	30	202	33.666666667
JD Poor Mural Preservation	33	30	33	30	-	25	151	30.2
Prescott School Restoration Phase III	27	31	32	29	28	-	147	29.4
Baddacook Pond Environmental Restoration	31	30	32	27	26	26	172	28.666666667
Duck Pond Restoration	30	31	30	29	27	25	172	28.666666667
Old Meetinghouse	31	29	30	27	29	17	163	27.166666667
Library Pocket Doors	28	25	29	31	23	24	160	26.666666667
Conservation fund	24	30	30	28	21	27	160	26.666666667