



TOWN OF GROTON
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Community Preservation Committee
Carolyn Perkins, Chair & Planning Board
Timothy Siok – Park Commission
Bruce H. Easom – Conservation Commission
Robert DeGroot – Historical Commission
Daniel Emerson - Housing Authority
Richard Hewitt - at large
Brooks Lyman - at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Carolyn Perkins, Daniel Emerson, Richard Hewitt, Brooks Lyman, Bruce H. Easom and Robert DeGroot
Absent Members: Timothy Siok
Others Present: Tom Delaney and Donald Black

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carolyn Perkins at 7:00 PM.

2020-10 Fitch's Bridge Abutment Repair

Tom Delaney was present and provided brief overview of project details. The objective is to rebuild the side of the bridge that is currently failing.

The Town of Groton is planning on completing the work themselves and is seeking funding for material costs and labor expenses.

Brooks Lyman asked if they will be using dry wall material. Mr. Delaney confirmed that they would be using dry wall to ensure that the structure being built does not settle back into the mud.

Bruce Easom asked whether this project would qualify under CPA funding or if it should be going through the Historical Commission first. Mr. Easom has no objections as long as the Historical Commission is good with it.

Brief discussion ensued regarding which category this project would fall under as Mr. Delaney checked off recreation. The Committee members recommended that Mr. Delaney do research to determine whether this project would meet the requirements for funding by the CPA. The CPA may not fund projects that are viewed as maintenance and / or is not listed as a historic structure on the National Historic Registry.

Carolyn Perkins encouraged Mr. Delaney to utilize the Coalition website as a form of resource.

Brief discussion ensued regarding current condition of bridge and possible types of materials to use for the repairs. Mr. Delaney confirmed that the bridge did not pose any safety issues at the moment.

2020-13 Cemetery Renovation – Follow Up Discussion

Donald Black visited the Coalition website. The website is currently under renovation but Mr. Black will forward information to Committee members for review once website is back up.

REVIEW LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE HARRINGTON ON CP FUNDING

Carolyn Perkins provided a brief overview of the intent of the letter to Representative Harrington on Community Preservation funding. The Committee has been asked by Town Manager Mark Haddad as to whether they would like to sign onto this letter or draft their own separate letter to Representative Sheila Harrington.

Bruce Easom commented that there was never a “promise” of any state match except, perhaps, for the 5% minimum laid out in the CPA legislation.

Bruce Easom moved that the Committee members authorize Carolyn Perkins to negotiate on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee's edits to the letter dated December 11, 2018 to Sheila Harrington and that once the letter is modified the Committee members will sign off on it.

Robert DeGroot seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

REVIEW PROJECT UPDATES

PROJECT UPDATES – DUCK POND RESTORATION

Richard Hewitt reported that the aeration at Duck Pond will not continue through the winter due to safety issues.

PROJECT UPDATES – J.D. POOR MURAL PRESERVATION

Carolyn Perkins reported that they have started the work and are sorting through the details of the insurance coverage.

GENERAL UPDATES - CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Bruce Easom shared update regarding parcel of land that was donated to the Conservation Committee. Brief discussion ensued regarding history of parcel.

CPC BUDGET

Bruce Easom provided an overview of the budget updates for FY2019 and FY2020.

Carolyn Perkins moved to approve the budget as made by Bruce Easom on December 10, 2018.

Brooks Lyman seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

CPC BILLS

Committee members reviewed and signed two invoices for the Prescott School and one invoice for Duck Pond Restoration.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee members reviewed minutes from the November 26th meeting.

Daniel Emerson moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 26th. Brooks Lyman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Bruce Easom abstaining.

Robert DeGroot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Daniel Emerson seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Sammie Kul, Inter-Departmental Assistant

APPROVED: JANUARY 14, 2019

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