



TOWN OF GROTON
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Community Preservation Committee
Daniel Emerson, Chair & Housing Authority
Robert DeGroot – Historical Commission
Bruce H. Easom – Conservation Commission
Anna Eliot – Park Commission
Tim Svarczkopf – Planning Board
Richard Hewitt - at large
Brooks Lyman - at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, July 22, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street
Members Present: Daniel Emerson, Robert DeGroot, Bruce H. Easom, Anna Eliot, Tim Svarczkopf, Richard Hewitt and Brooks Lyman
Others Present: Russ Harris from the Groton Herald

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Daniel Emerson at 7:04 PM.

Russ Harris from the Groton Herald informed members that the meeting was being recorded.

REVIEW PROJECT UPDATES

PROJECT UPDATES – DUCK POND RESTORATION

Project Manager Bob Anderson emailed update on the Duck Pond Restoration. Anna Eliot asked when this project would be completed by. Richard Hewitt replied that it was a 3-year study and that this was a long-term process. Brief discussion ensued regarding project details.

PROJECT UPDATES – HISTORIC VOLUMES STORAGE CABINET

Robert DeGroot informed members that the Storage Cabinet has been ordered and will be arriving sometime within the next month.

PROJECT UPDATES – GROTON RAIL TRAIL

Bruce Easom provided update and background information to members regarding the Groton Rail Trail. Construction is expected to begin in late October or early November. The first phase will cover Groton to the center of Townsend. The second phase will cover Ayer to either the Bertozzi Wildlife area or the center of Mason, NH.

REVIEW CPC BUDGET

Bruce Easom is waiting on state match information and will update members.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS CREATION OF CPC INVITATION TO THE GROTON HOUSING TRUST REGARDING BOYNTON MEADOWS

Committee members drafted invitation letter to send to the Groton Affordable Housing Trust. Brief discussion ensued regarding the role of each Committee / Board with respect to overseeing CPA Projects. CPC members would like to gather all of the facts in order to better understand what transpired and determine at which point if anything could have been done differently throughout the standard CPA Application process.

Brooks Lyman moved to approve the invitation letter dated July 22, 2019 to the Groton Affordable Housing Trust. Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Committee members reviewed and confirmed the meeting schedule through November of 2019. The CPC will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month with the exception of the dates below:

- CPC will meet on Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 instead of Monday, October 14th as it is Columbus Day
 - The scheduled meeting for Monday, October 28th is contingent upon whether the Fall Town Meeting on Monday, October 21st carries over to a second meeting
 - CPC will meet on Monday, November 4th, 2019 instead of Monday, November 11th as it is Veterans Day
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PROJECT CLOSEOUTS

Robert DeGroot confirmed that CPA Project # 2017-04 Historic Monument Restoration is still open.

CPC BILLS

Committee members reviewed and signed four invoices. The first invoice was from New England School Services, Inc for Prescott School Upgrades (CPA Project # 2019-03). The second invoice was from The Colonial Stoneryard for Fitch's Bridge (CPA Project # 2020-10). The third invoice was from Solitude Lake Management for the Duck Pond Restoration (CPA Project # 2019-08). The fourth invoice was from Groton Electric Light which is also for the Duck Pond Restoration (CPA Project # 2019-08).

MEETING MINUTES

Committee members reviewed minutes from June 24th, 2019.

Anna Eliot moved to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, June 24th, 2019. Robert DeGroot seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote with Tim Svarczkopf abstaining.

Anna Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Richard Hewitt seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Sammie Kul, Inter-Departmental Assistant

APPROVED: AUGUST 12, 2019

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