



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

Community Preservation Committee
Russell Burke, Chair – Planning Board
Anna Eliot, Vice Chair – Parks Comm.
Bruce Easom, Treasurer – Conservation Comm.
Robert DeGroot, Clerk – Historical Comm.
Daniel Emerson – Housing Auth.
Carolyn Perkins – at large
Richard Hewitt – at large

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 27th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Groton Town Hall
Members Present: Bruce Easom, Daniel Emerson, Russell Burke, Carolyn Perkins,
Members Absent: Richard Hewitt, Robert DeGroot, Anna Eliot
Others Present: Katie Berry, Judy Anderson

The meeting was called to order by chair, Russell Burke at 7:00 PM.

FY25 CPA APPLICATIONS- The committee discussed feedback that was given at last meeting 11/13/23, additional information was received from Town Counsel regarding 2023-04 Sustainable Groton. Carolyn Perkins stated that in regards to the Groton History Center, while she had previously thought that it was registered as having a historical restriction at the registry of deeds, it does not, though this is now in the process of being filed. Bruce Easom asked who will hold the restriction, she noted that it may be the Historic District Committee or Historic Commission.

OTHER DISCUSSION- Bruce Easom shared that the proposed numbers he had provided were in fact conservative and that the total state match to be received by Groton is \$289,610.00. Bruce Easom also shared budget information regarding bond payments for the Middle School Track project with the present members. Bruce Easom, treasurer, suggests \$140,000 be paid toward the second bond, on a warrant article at the 2024 Spring Town Meeting, also an article to pay \$4707.00 as an interest payment out of FY2024 funds. The CPC has agreed to pay \$2,400,000.00 in total, as approved at Town Meeting. There are two bonds, one for \$1,405,374.00 and a second for \$1,000,000.00. Bruce Easom gave suggestions on payments to be made in FY2025 on these bonding amounts, after meeting with Hannah Moller, Town Treasurer and Patricia Dufresne, Town Accountant.

NEW PROJECT UPDATES

- 2024-01 Housing Trust Funds Request (CAROLYN PERKINS) No updates.
- 2024-02 Preservation of Lake Massapoag (ROBERT DEGROOT) No updates.
- 2024-03 Conservation Fund FY2024 (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom shared that parcel 230-31 on Reedy Meadow was purchased by the Conservation Commission, as well as a Casella parcel on Nashua Rd, a purchase and sale was also recently signed for a West Main St parcel with the Palmer family.
- 2024-04 Rebuild Major League Baseball Diamond (ANNA ELIOT) No updates.
- 2024-05 Construct 2 Softball Diamonds at Cutler (ANNA ELIOT) No updates.
- 2024-07 Housing Coordinator FY2024 (CAROLYN PERKINS) Fran Stanley busy working, no

- updates.
- 2024-09 Squannacook River Rail Trail (SRRT) (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom shared that work will begin shortly on this next phase of the rail trail.

REVIEW CONTINUED PROJECT UPDATES

- 2019-08 Duck Pond Restoration (RICHARD HEWITT) No updates.
- 2022-01 Maintenance Shed Restoration (ROBERT DEGROOT) No updates, the shed has not been painted yet.
- 2022-02 Feasibility Study for Cow Pond Fields; Woitowicz Field; Cutler Field (ANNA ELIOT) No updates.
- 2022-04 Affordable Housing Site Assessment Study (DANIEL EMERSON) Carolyn Perkins shared that Mass Housing Partnership may be assisting with an upcoming preliminary plan.
- 2022-09 Groton Dunstable Natural Field Restoration Plan (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom stated that they are just waiting for grass to grow at the site.
- 2023-04 Nashua Riverwalk (CAROLYN PERKINS) Carolyn Perkins shared that Paul Funch is trying to work to move the project forward with Department of Conservation and Recreation.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Sign Invoices/ Project letters- The committee signed invoices, Landtech Invoice for 2022-02, in the amount \$600.00, will need final signature from Anna Eliot.
- Next meetings will be December 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm and January 8th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee members reviewed minutes from November 13th 2023. Carolyn Perkins moved to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, November 13th, 2023. Dan Emerson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dan Emerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. Carolyn Perkins seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Berry, Inter-Departmental Assistant

Approved: _12/11/2023_____