



**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, February 12, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Groton Town Hall
Members Present: Bruce Easom, Daniel Emerson, Russell Burke, Carolyn Perkins, Anna Eliot,
Richard Hewitt
Members Absent: Robert DeGroot
Others Present: Katie Berry

The meeting was called to order by chair, Russell Burke at 7:01 PM.

NEW PROJECT UPDATES

2024-01 Housing Trust Funds Request (CAROLYN PERKINS) Carolyn Perkins had no updates.
2024-02 Preservation of Lake Massapoag (ROBERT DEGROOT) No updates until Spring.
2024-03 Conservation Fund FY2024 (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom shared that they are still working on a conservation restriction for the Schofield lot in West Groton.
2024-04 Rebuild Major League Baseball Diamond (ANNA ELIOT) Anna Eliot had no updates.
2024-05 Construct 2 Softball Diamonds at Cutler (ANNA ELIOT) Anna Eliot had no updates.
2024-07 Housing Coordinator FY2024 (CAROLYN PERKINS) Carolyn Perkins had no updates.
2024-09 Squannacook River Rail Trail (SRRT) (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom shared that most work has been completed in Groton except for the stone dust surface, and that the project is well underway.

REVIEW CONTINUED PROJECT UPDATES

2019-08 Duck Pond Restoration (RICHARD HEWITT) Richard Hewitt shared that Bob Anderson feels that there is no need to spend funds on the last study, returning approximately \$2,500.00 in CPC funds. Mr. Hewitt stated that Solitude Lake Management agreed with Mr. Anderson's assessment, that it is not needed. The project will remain open for now.
2022-01 Maintenance Shed Restoration (ROBERT DEGROOT) No updates until Spring.
2022-02 Feasibility Study for Cow Pond Fields; Woitowicz Field; Cutler Field (ANNA ELIOT) Anna Eliot shared that there may be legal expenses for the Cow Pond Field concept. Project is still underway.
2022-04 Affordable Housing Site Assessment Study (DANIEL EMERSON) Dan Emerson had no updates on the assessments. The committee discussed potential plans under assessment, with the potential for a small housing project on Hoyts Wharf Rd.
2022-09 Groton Dunstable Natural Field Restoration Plan (BRUCE EASOM) Bruce Easom shared

that the field will be used starting in the Fall 2024.

2023-04 Nashua Riverwalk (CAROLYN PERKINS) Carolyn Perkins shared that Paul Funch has been working hard in trying to move the project forward, he has been in contact with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- **Budget Discussion-** Bruce Easom shared projected amounts for FY 2025, with regard to the proposed CPA applications and Middle School Track bond payments, as well as revenue projections. FY 2025 local surtax revenue forecasted at \$850,000.00, conservatively. The committee reviewed and discussed the current and forecasted numbers, looking at trends. The committee reviewed an increase in admin expenses to \$10,000.00, to cover any potential additional legal fees for CPA project review. Bruce Easom then shared with the committee the current open project balances, and project close outs. Mr. Easom confirmed with the committee that they are comfortable with the proposed figures.

Carolyn Perkins moved to approve the FY 2025 proposed budget as presented, Anna Eliot seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (Roll Call: 6 ayes, 0 abstentions)

- **Sign Invoices/ Project letters-** 1 invoice and 4 project letters were signed by the committee.
- Next public meeting will be February 26, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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Committee members reviewed minutes from January 29, 2024. Bruce Easom moved to approve the meeting minutes, as amended from Monday, January 29, 2024, Anna Eliot seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Carolyn Perkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM. Dan Emerson seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Berry, Inter-Departmental Assistant

Approved: 2/26/24