



**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, March 11, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall
Members Present: Daniel Emerson, Russell Burke, Carolyn Perkins, Anna Eliot, Richard Hewitt
Members Absent: Robert DeGroot, Bruce Easom
Others Present: Katie Berry, Alexander Woodle, Aubrey Theall

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

Discussion with Aubrey Theall of the Historical Commission regarding Bancroft Castle Preservation Restriction for FY25 proposed project 2025-08 Bancroft Castle Preservation Study- Aubrey Theall of the Historical Commission, addressed the committee to determine exactly what is needed in terms of a potential preservation restriction for the Bancroft Castle site, as it pertains to the upcoming 2025-08 Bancroft Castle Preservation Study and potential future work to the site that could be accomplished with CPA funds. Russell Burke stated that he would speak with Mark Haddad in order to seek advice of Town Counsel, whether a restriction is needed, and at what point it would be, as this is a feasibility study project. The committee discussed the current Conservation Restriction on the site and potential requirements of the Community Preservation Coalition and Department of Environmental Protection.

Discussion with Alexander Woodle about use of remaining funds for 2022-03 Lost Lake Knops Pond Watershed (\$1968.24) and 2021-02 Open Space and Recreation of Knops Pond/Lost Lake (\$1683.00)- Alex Woodle stated that he hopes to expend the balance completing the work for 2022-03 Lost Lake Knops Pond Watershed by this spring, and wants to determine the potential for use of the remaining 2021-02 Open Space and Recreation of Knops Pond/Lost Lake funds to cover additional work to benefit these bodies of water, performing water quality testing. The committee discussed the initial application and the scope of the expense. Anna Eliot moved to approve the updated water quality testing as an applicable expense, Dan Emerson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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) No updates.
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) No updates.
2024-09 Squannacook River Rail Trail (SRRT) (BRUCE EASOM) No updates.

REVIEW CONTINUED PROJECT UPDATES

2019-08 Duck Pond Restoration (RICHARD HEWITT) No updates.
2022-01 Maintenance Shed Restoration (ROBERT DEGROOT) No updates.
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) No updates.
2022-09 Groton Dunstable Natural Field Restoration Plan (BRUCE EASOM) No updates.
2023-04 Nashua Riverwalk (CAROLYN PERKINS) No updates.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Budget Discussion- The committee reviewed the FY2025 Fund Balance Forecast prepared in advance by Bruce Easom.
 - Sign Invoices/ Project letters- 1 GELD invoice was signed by the committee members.
 - Next public meeting will be March 25, 2024 at 7:00pm.
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Committee members reviewed minutes from February 26, 2024. Anna Eliot moved to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, February 26, 2024, Carolyn Perkins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Anna Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM. Dan Emerson seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Berry, Inter-Departmental Assistant

Approved: 3/25/2024