

Groton Greenway Committee

June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Location: Town Hall, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA
Time: 7:00 PM
Note taker: Fran Stanley
Members Present: David Manugian, Fran Stanley, Marion Stoddart
Members Absent: Bill Gavazzi, Stacey Chilcoat, David Pitkin, Carol Coutrier

Friends of Fitch's Bridge Subcommittee

David Manugian represented both the Greenway Committee and the Friends of Fitch's Bridge Subcommittee in an appearance before the Board of Selectmen at its regularly scheduled Monday evening meeting. David reviewed the progress of the subcommittee and explained the reasons for stopping work on the expenditure of remaining bridge design funds. Together with David Manugian, the Board of Selectmen discussed the recent CPC project closeout letter dated March 29, 2011 and Groton Greenway Committee's March 30, 2011 letter to the Selectmen.

Individual Selectmen complimented David Manugian for halting the contractor's work and turning in the remaining CPC grant money as soon as the loss of economic feasibility was identified. The Board of Selectmen as a whole agreed with the Greenway Committee that the rehabilitation of the old bridge was not a good option.

The Board of Selectmen directed the Greenway Committee to research the cost of a prefabricated bridge that could serve as a replacement river crossing for pedestrians, bikers and equestrians.

The Greenway Committee terminated its meeting at the conclusion of the Board of Selectmen discussion.