

Groton Greenway Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2012
Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Members Present: Carol Coutrier, Fran Stanley, Marion Stoddart, Adam Burnett
Other Attendees: David Manugian

Marion Stoddart moved to have the Groton Greenway Committee send a letter of support to the Conservation Commission for proposed purchase of Chicopee Row land. Carol Coutrier seconded and motion carried 4:0.

Prior discussion of protection provided by Conservation Commission management was referenced when topic of timber harvesting arose.

The Town will want to recognize the value in the old bridge through steel salvage. Adam Burnett will research performance standards of bridge not just technical standards. The potential of a contractor who uses the design build model was discussed.

Regarding Fitch's Bridge, surveying, engineering and permitting is estimated to cost in the range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. Emergency Bridge removal – construction effort only – might cost approximately \$60,000 to \$100,000. Prefabricated bridge delivered to site for a total cost of \$100,000 to \$120,000. Bridge documentation has largely been done. Permitting is a separate cost and dependent on the permitting path. Total costs estimated to be in the range of \$650,000 to \$850,000. There would be an expectation of Town borrowing to accommodate this appropriation, but no tax levy override would be required.

Next meeting planned for September 20, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. Minutes by Fran Stanley.