Groton Greenway Committee

Open Session Minutes, 9.15.22, 7:00 PM

 Town Hall Meeting Room

Marina Khabituyeva called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members Carol Coutrier and Adam Burnett were present.

I. Approve Minutes of 7.27.22 Groton Greenway Committee Meeting

Upon a motion by Carol, seconded by Adam, it was

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting of the Groton Greenway Committee.

The vote was unanimous.

II. Nod Road Discussion

1. Marina – Invitations were sent to attend the Sept. 19 Select Board meeting to discuss the Nod Road Landfill. Marina shared the Groton Herald article of

July 29, “Nod Road Assessment”, written by Connie Santino, a discussion of the Nod Road landfill with Mark Haddad. She also shared the August 19 article in the Groton Herald, “Is This Why We’re Seeing Leachate in the Nashua River and Nod Brook?”, written by Marie Esten of Nod Road

1. Adam-The area may need more than a cap. The facts are:

We need a complete investigation of the area; there is a bigger picture. The landfill is full of contaminants. The leaching is an unknown hazard.

The cap is completely unknown, therefore there is no way to know the extent of the cap or the extent of garbage or unknown toxins in the landfill. We (Greenway Committee) recommend a full comprehensive study of groundwater, soil, leachate

into surface waters, any gaseous emissions. We need to know the extent and type of materials that are in the landfill.

Based on present conditions and lack of records, all we have is vague instructions to a contractor. There are no records of maintenance, and the site is unlined underneath. We need to know what’s in the site and what is escaping the site.

It is highly likely there are toxic materials because there were no standards at the time.

Groton Greenway Committee also recommends that the town send out a comprehensive RFP for companies to do this work; contracts out for bid.

III. Passing of Onkwe Tase

Upon a motion by Adam, seconded by Carol, it was

VOTED: To provide a donation of $200. from the Groton Greenway Committee to the UNACC in recognition of Onkwe Tase’s longstanding contributions to the Groton Greenway River Festival.

The vote was unanimous.

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

at 7 PM.

 Upon a motion by Adam, seconded by Carol, it was

 VOTED: To adjourn.

 The vote was unanimous.