Groton Greenway Committee

Open Session Minutes, 10.20.22, 7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

Marina Khabituyeva called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members Carol Coutrier, Adam Burnett, David Pitkin, Pete Carson were present. Marion Stoddart was guest.

I. Approve Minutes of 9.15.22 Groton Greenway Committee Meeting

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

VOTED: to accept the minutes of the Sept. 15, 2022 meeting of the Groton Greenway Committee.

The vote was unanimous. (with one abstention (Pete Carson)

II. Nod Road Discussion

1. Marion: Industries that may have used the dump years ago included a Paper Mill, Groton Leatherboard, Hollingsworth & Vose. The paper mill producesd 50 tons of paper a day. Also, there were a sawmill and grist mill near the site of the

dump.

Pete – The dump was closed in 1976. He read the summary of the recent Select

Board meeting supplied by Martha of NRWA.

Carol – Groton Greenway Committee participants at the Select Board meeting who spoke included Marina and Carol. Also speaking were Marion, Martha, Stacey Chilcoat, Marie Esten and a rep. from the Board of Health.

Marion – Met with the Conservation Commission and got a report on the history

of the Petapawag boat launch area which included 2 major fires where all buildings were destroyed. The town started using the area as a dump probably before 1920.

Hollingsworth and Vose was dumping huge rolls of paper into the dump around

1965-66. Marion included information on the various industries that had been in

the area (Hollingsworth & Vose, Groton Leatherboard, paper mill, grist mill, sawmill) noting that these produced industrial waste, at the Select Board meeting on Oct. 17, 2022, but this information was not included in the minutes of the meeting.

Adam – Testing needs to be done.

Marion – At the Select Board meeting on Oct. 17, the Greenway Committee asked that testing be done.

Martha at NRWA has sent a document with a list of chemicals for testing purposes.

Adam – Part of a vision for the area is a trail and a meadow. We need verification that the area is safe. Also, air quality testing needed.

Pete – Is the town able to do the testing?

David – At our next Greenway Committee meeting we can prepare a proposal

for the Select Board regarding our recommendations for the Nod Road dump area

The next Groton Greenway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at 7 PM.

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

The vote was unanimous.