Town of Groton

**173 Main Street**

**Groton, MA 01450**

**Historic Districts Commission**

**December 13, 2022**

**7:30 pm**

**1st Floor Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Maureen Giattino, Brian Cartier, Lisa Hicks, Jennifer Rand

**Others Present**: Attorney Robert Collins, Engineer Stan Dillis

**Administrative Assistant**: Amanda Urmann

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Member Giattino.**

**Member Giattino read aloud the public hearing notice:**

Farmers Row,

Assessors Map 219-9

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, at 7:30 pm at The Groton Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450. This meeting will be held** to consider the application submitted by owner, Groton School, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for **Farmers Row, Assessors Map 219-9** to repurpose the two soccer fields into one soccer field surrounded by a running track**.** Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

Attorney Bob Collins was the presenter for this public hearing.

This is the repurposing of two existing soccer fields that lie between the Athletic Center and Farmers Row with one single soccer field that will be surrounded by a running track that will also provide space for several other athletic activities that don’t have areas now. Attorney Collins also brought up that there will be four light poles that will be replacing ten existing diesel power temporary lights, which will mainly be used for late season games when the sun sets earlier in the day. The proposed new lights will be taller, but they will be more focused than the current temporary ones. There will also be a stone retaining wall that will be seating. Mr. Collins also wanted to note that roughly 1/3 of this project is within the district. The current two scoreboards will also be replaced with just a singular one with dual-purpose. The construction would begin next summer.

Member Cartier made a motion that the HDC approve the application for the certificate of appropriateness for Groton School, Farmers Row, Assessors Map 219-9, for the purpose of building the new soccer field and running track as per plans submitted by Dillis & Roy, dated 11/18/2022. Member Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Commissioner Updates - None**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Member Hicks made a motion to approve the March 15, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 17, 2022, August 16, 2022 and November 15, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Member Cartier seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. 4-0

Member Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Member Cartier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted By: Amanda Urmann