



## TOWN OF GROTON

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### **Town Meeting Senior Center Review Committee March 23, 2017 8:00am Town Hall**

Members Present: John Amaral, Greg Sheldon, Annika Nilsson Ripps (arrives 8:50), Mihran Keoseian and Gary Green  
Others present: Mark Haddad, Kathy Shelp

Meeting was opened by John Amaral at 8:10

A motion was made to accept the minutes of 3/16/2017 by Gary Green with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Sheldon. John Amaral noted one change, the name of the committee in the title Town Meeting Senior Center Review Committee. The committee unanimously approved the minutes with the noted change.

John read into the record an email from Halsey Platt with the site evaluation spreadsheet.

John also presented the narrative by Kathy describing the building initiative process. The committee was asked to get any additions to Kathy by Monday it will then be sent to the paper and included in the newsletter.

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(Annika arrives 8:50)

The committee discussed the proposed cost considerations provided to John Amaral by Pinnacle Construction. A conservative estimate for a new build for 10,000 sf would be \$5million without land acquisition.

Annika presented her report on the Country Club summarizing the findings. Mihran Keoseian made a motion with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Green: The committee does feel the Groton Country Club is not a suitable site for a senior center at this time. The committee voted unanimously in support.

Greg report serious challenges in parking. The building would fit the programs inside however there are parking and traffic concerns. Greg made a motion with a second by Mihran: Given the parking conditions and the timeliness to resolve we should remove Prescott from consideration as a senior center at this time. The committee unanimously approved.

Greg will write a report on summarizing the findings.

John reported the cost for Farmers Row would be \$750,000-\$1,000,000 for all three lots. He and Greg had met with Takashi Tada to see if the conservation commission would consider purchasing 2 of the lots for conservation use or consider a LAND grant for funding. The land would not meet the criteria for LAND grant funding or the Conservation Commission criteria for purchase.

Mark present email from John McMillian with a design drawing repositioning the senior center on the GELD site to be parallel to the current GELD building.

John presented an email from Bob Pines outlining his considerations to mitigate the storm water concerns.

Greg reviewed storm water concerns from his meeting with the conservation commission. This property would not be considered pre-disturbed and would have to comply with all storm water and conservation codes if the property were to change ownership.

John presented the Storm water management permit for GELD 2012-13, 6/26/12. The committee discussed the probability and expense of storm water mitigation.

11:07 Joh requested a “Fist to Five” from the committee: Do you feel we are able to reach a consensus today to bring something to the Selectman by Monday. Fist representing NO – 5 representing YES with variables for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The committee was unable to reach consensus.

Gary Green made a motion to remove GELD from consideration due to costs, complications and risks of moving forward, however we would continue to gather exact costs to bring to the taxpayer. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mihran Keoseian. There was discussion and it was decided to hold a vote until the West Groton site was reviewed.

Mark reviewed West Groton , there are no program concerns or building concerns, the consideration would be the location (not in center of town). The collateral benefit as the only evacuation site in West Groton.

At 12:30 the committee ran out of time to continue the discussion and a motion was made by Greg and Second by Gary to recess the meeting until 7am Monday, March 27. The committee unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Shelp, COA Director