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Present was James M. Tomaszewski, James C. Lehan, Robert J. Garrity, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim T. opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. He announced that the meeting was audio and video taped.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW

Present: Cyndi Andrade, CPC; Bob McGhee and Todd Rowean, DPW; and Pat Snead, Advisory Committee.

Cyndi Andrade was present to talk about Gumps. She showed a drawing of the playground proposal. She explained the changes that would be made. She discussed volunteer effort in maintaining the property. Some people said what happens if the volunteers don't follow through. She showed an estimate that she put back in of some work that the DPW would be responsible for. She added in the cost of the boardwalk and other things. The project will be starting as soon as it is voted at Town Meeting. Jim T. said the Lions Club feels their volunteer efforts are being stretched, as they have a lot of projects.

Jim L. said let's look at the costs. He said he is opposed to the cost. He said that \$80,000 for boardwalks over the wetlands is excessive. We could do boardwalks cheaper. Cyndi said it is part of the walking trails.

They had discussions about donated materials. Cyndi has talked to the Garden Club. Cyndi said that Kyle Zick will be present at our next meeting to discuss the maintenance plan. He is on vacation this week.

Rob and Pat said that this is a once in a lifetime project, and you get what you pay for. Rob said taking the boardwalk out, drops it by \$100,000. But he said that we can always add some contingencies later. Take out the contingency and the boardwalk, and you are now down \$200,000. There are other things that you can cut or take out. Pat said they felt that this is a rare opportunity, and that's how his board looked at it.

Cyndi said the design contingency and boardwalk will help save. Other contingencies were discussed. Cyndi said that a vernal pool there would be a learning opportunity. CPC liked the boardwalk, and if they can't get it, they would do a plan B.

Jim L. said they would like to see this in the \$600's as opposed to \$800. The less controversial we can make this, the better.

Jim Lehan moved to recommend to CPC that the total cost of Gumps Master Plan not exceed \$750,000. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board is comfortable that we can fill in the blanks.

Jack asked the Board to consider appointing Cheryl Kelley and Anne Marie Duggan as Tax Title

Custodians until the end of the year. He said they were looking to be paid. The Board disagreed that they should be paid. The Board felt that this is part of their job that they are already being paid for. Jack said they wanted 3% of the total sales. The Board disagreed saying this is one parcel. No percentage; it is off the table. A fixed stipend for an unknown amount of work doesn't fly.

Jim T. said the former Treasurer, Jane Lepardo, had over a million dollars worth of properties and had to do work on her own time, so a stipend for that was justified.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Cheryl Kelley and Anne Marie Duggan as Tax Title Custodians, terms to expire December 31, 2012. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 3:07 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Special Meeting of April 12, 2012.

Robert J. Garrity, Clerk