

GROTON PLANNING BOARD
August 25, 2010

Meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

Present: Russ Carruth, Celine Richer, Deb Johnson, Select Board liaison Miles Sinclair, Jenny Burnett, Chairman Slim Spafford

Absent: Steve Lindsey

Public hearing began for Matthews/Howard Lot Line Adjustment. Chair said all requirements had been met except specification of acreage. Alan Barnard was present to clear that up. Mrs. Howard and Roland and Alberta Matthews were also present. Celine moved, Deb 2nd, to give conditional approval to the lot line adjustment, subject to drawings being corrected and monuments placed. All agreed.

New Business

Attorney Brian Ray introduced himself as representing Fred Sewall and Miles Friend, owners of the property where William Roberti is attempting to store boats. Mr. Roberti had come before this board last year and was told the process he would need to follow to go through Site Plan Review. When he chose not to continue with the process, the Selectboard issued a "Cease and Desist" Order on the boat storage/junkyard operation. Attorney Ray says that his clients want to be in compliance. Town Attorney Specter has sent him a copy of the town zoning ordinance. Attorney Ray plans to go back to his clients to find out if they want to see the boat storage wind down or if they wish to pursue Site Plan Review.

Next, the board's budget wishes for 2011 were considered. When Chair showed that only about 1/3 of money budgeted for 2010 has been expended, the board agreed to level fund for next year.

The Zoning Board Decision re: Ethier was next on the agenda. The Chair read the ZBA's opinion concerning the Ethier operation..

Maxam North East has applied for an Alteration of Terrain permit. The Board has until August 30th to send comments to the Alteration of Terrain Division of the DES. The Chair reminded the Board that the ZBA had given a special exception to Maxam BEFORE Site Plan Review was in place in Groton. At that time the Planning Board had been led to believe that only storage of detonators was to take place in our town. Now in this application the Board is concerned to see that testing of explosives is planned to take place in Groton. The Chair moved, Jenny 2nd, to send a letter of concern to DES with a copy to go to Maxam. Unanimous agreement was given.

Old Business

Jenny moved, Celine 2nd to accept the draft of Excavation Regulations, revised by Celine after board discussion and consultation with Mary Pinkham-Langer. All were in favor and a Public Hearing is set for September 15, 2010 at 7pm/

Revision of Subdivision Regulations was tabled until October's meeting.

Chair announced that in addition to the Hearing on the 15th, our regular meeting will be on Monday the 27th, 7 pm at the Groton Town House in order to have the consultation of Steve Whitman with the attendance of other Planning Boards in the Newfound Lake Watershed. Mr. Whitman urges Board Members to look through Every Acre Counts for topics of interest to local boards. He'd like to know what regulatory changes local boards are considering.

Adjournment was joyfully agreed to at 10:10 pm.

Sharon Nelson
Clerk