

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

April 27, 2011

Present: Deb Johnson (Acting Chair) Celine Richer, Russ Carruth, Jenny Burnett, Miles Sinclair (Select Board Liaison)

Noted that we have a quorum.

Minutes of March 30th read and approved as read.

Deb wrote to Steve Whitman regarding steep slope regulations, and the board's desire to develop them as appropriate for Groton and put them in our subdivision regulations. Steve wrote back recommending that we update the subdivision and site plan regulations to include steep slope issues , and further suggested we use the language in his January 31st, 2011 memo to us entitled "Re: Steep Slopes and Highly Erodible Soils" under 3.5 "Stormwater Management and Erosion Control", requiring that plans be submitted if certain conditions exist.

There was a side discussion regarding perceived potential for confusion over the definition of major vs. minor subdivisions, and how to best correct it.

We then worked on edits to 3.1A to recognize the use of the new erodible soils map as a reference.

Next we worked on edits to 3.5 and 3.8, working pieces of Steve Whitman's memo into the existing wording. Definitions were added to the index in alphabetical order. Deb will ask Steve for clarification on slope percentages for roads and driveways.

Next the board made plans to appoint a new member, starting with town residents that have received at least one write-in vote. Russ will call these individuals to see if any have an interest in serving on the board. Acting Chair read correspondence from NLRA's Boyd Smith regarding notification of an upcoming work session on steep slope regs, including riparian buffers and land use management options, scheduled for May 19th in Bridgewater. Celine may attend.

Jenny moved we adjourn at 8:50 pm. All approved

Jenny Burnett, Acting Clerk