

GROTON PLANNING BOARD
February 29, 2012

Present: Miles Sinclair (Selectbd liaison), Jenny Burnett, Steve(Slim)Spafford (Chair), Celine Richer, Dave Labar, Russ Carruth, Deb Johnson, Sherry Nelson(Alternate & Clerk).

Meeting convened at 7:07 pm.

Minutes of Jan. 25th meeting were read and approved with spelling correction of surfacers to surfaces in 3rd from last paragraph.

Chair reported on progress of committee updating town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chair would hope that our board could get several past years of aerial photos of Groton, like the current one shown, by this committee's moderator, at most recent meeting. We discussed possibility of using these maps, over time, to monitor excavations in town. Celine moved to ask Town Counsel what steps must be followed by Planning Board to bring errant excavators into compliance with permitting. Dave 2nd. Vote of unanimous approval given. Chair will talk with Counsel.

Next, Chair told us that a town resident told him that he believed the Planning Board, in 2005, had adopted an RSA that would allow temporary driveway permits to be given for logging and/or construction operations on town roads. Several board members said that this is a concern of the Road Agent.

At 7:48 pm the Hearing opened for approval of revised Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations. No public was present even though the Hearing had been properly notified in two places in town and in the press. Chair first explained Steve Whitman's information concerning lot size configuration, sent out to all members by Celine. Discussion ensued as to whether or not we should change regulation for one specific case. Chair reminded us that Board has the right to issue a waiver of any regulation if just cause is shown. Therefore we did not make a change in our proposed regulations. Miles questioned definition of "permanent" material in the signage section of our regs. Discussion clarified the definition. Subdivision Regulations were considered first. Deb moved, Celine 2nd to accept Subdivision Regulations as revised. All agreed and signed. Next Jenny moved, Celine 2nd to accept Site Plan Review Regulations as revised. Again, all accepted and signed. Originals of both will be registered with County Recorder. Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned then also. Next meeting will be March 28th.

Sharon Nelson
Clerk