

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

June 27, 2012

Present: Jenny Burnett, Dave Labar, Deb Johnson, Celine Richer, Chair Steve (Slim) Spafford, Russ Carruth, Sherry Nelson (alternate)

Also present was Chuck Stata

Absent: Miles Sinclair, Select Board liaison

Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of May 30th read and accepted. Deb abstained.

Chair read letter sent to Mike Ethier, requesting permission for Board to inspect his gravel pit. "No reply yet," Slim told us.

He next shared letter of opinion from Town Counsel saying Steve Whitman had been correct in advising Board about what could be updated in Subdivision and Site Plan Review regulations without going before town for approval.

Chair spoke of talking with Boyd Smith about enforcement of wetland violations as well as our re-writing of vision statement for Master Plan.

Tara, of North Country Council, wrote us that she has lots of information to guide us in forming both visioning statement and survey questions. She can join us at our July 25th meeting, but we agreed that we'd like to get started on project before then, so Chair will ask her to come sooner. Deb stressed to Chair that he tell Tara that focus of her meeting with us should be on updating Master Plan, visioning especially, and hosting a public meeting on same. We would like her to moderate that public meeting.

Next on agenda was Growth Management. Chair called on Chuck Stata of the ZBA to kick off our discussion. Chuck said he feels the town needs to look ahead and be ready for a growth in population. Russ said he didn't think we were going to experience a big increase in population and did not want our Board to increase restrictions on what residents can do with their own property. Chuck feels that our Board needs to think about what we will allow – condominiums? trailer parks? Chuck also told us that OEP has a 10 page document on how to do visioning for a town's Master Plan. Clerk will get a copy of that.

AT & T sent request to change their access route from that which had been a part of their recently approved Site Plan Review. Copies of maps were distributed showing us this changed access route to their site. Discussion was positive regarding this improved access, a better route for emergency vehicles if ever needed. Chair moved, Celine 2nd to accept AT & T's new access route, without the need of another public hearing, as long as AT & T provides copies of the easements across lands owned by Iberdrola, Green Acre Woodlands and Rockmore Investment Master Fund. All agreed.

Chair reviewed survey sent by OEP and gained input from those present in order to answer questions he hadn't had answers for.

Adjournment at 8:52 pm was unanimously agreed to.

Sherry Nelson

Clerk