

GROTON PLANNING BOARD
October 31, 2012

Present: Celine Richer, Dave Labar, Steve (Slim) Spafford (Chair), Sherry Nelson (Alternate & Clerk), Deb Johnson, Jenny Burnett

Public present: Kyle Andrews, Chuck Stata, Sandra Hutchins, Alan Barnard

Absent: Russ Carruth

Minutes of Sept. 26th read and accepted as corrected (date of special town meeting should have been Oct. 27th NOT Sept. 27th). Dave abstained.

We established our meeting schedule for the remainder of 2012: Nov. 14 - Public input session, 6:30 pm, Nov. 28 - regular monthly meeting, Dec. 12 - work session, Dec. 19 - regular meeting

Public Hearing for Patti Bailey Subdivision opened at 7:22 pm. Alan Barnard presented survey of land Groton is purchasing from Patti Bailey to expand River Road Cemetery. Alan found that the town does not own the land where the cemetery is. No deed was recorded. Alan has researched back to 1820s and will give his research to the town. If an heir is ever found, an offer of internment will be extended. Groton cares for the land. Townspeople approved the purchase of this land at our 2012 Town Meeting, Warrant Article 7. Chair moved to approve the review of Alan's plan, in accordance with RSA 674:54, not subject to land use regulations. Celine 2nd. Miles abstained. Rest approved. Hearing closed at 8:15 pm.

Next we prepared for public meeting on Nov. 14th, where we hope to get more public input to help us update our Master Plan. Jenny will make a BIG sign for the top of Halls Brook Rd. Sherry will make sign for Town House. Chuck will donate his signs with a blank back to be reused and Slim will turn some political signs inside out after Nov. 6th. Celine has some clear contact paper to waterproof signs.

Deb said that she would like our new Masterplan to encompass infrastructure demands and cost for fire and police protection, regional transportation - not just land use regulations. Chair reminded us that we should write a Capital Improvement Plan, which would identify needs and include a plan to meet those needs.

Chuck spoke of requiring fire sprinklers (or access to water) in new buildings, since firefighters have to come a distance from either Rumney or Hebron. This added cost could serve as a disincentive to developers.

NEW BUSINESS

EDP Renewables sent a request for a joint Zoning (special exception) and Planning Board (site plan review) meeting for next week. They hope to have a wind farm eventually but for now want to erect a temporary data collecting meteorological tower on Maxam land.

Chair said he would not ask Planning Board members to attend three meetings next month. Also time is required for notifying abutters and Planning Boards of surrounding towns, due to regional impact. Chair will notify EDP that Nov. 28th is first possible date for joint meeting.

Jenny moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm and all concurred.

Sherry Nelson, Clerk

