

Groton Planning Board
Draft Minutes 1/29/14

Present: Chairman Steve (Slim) Spafford, Dave Labar, Russ Carruth, Deb Johnson, Celine Richer, Ray Blake, Jenny Burnett

The minutes of 12/11/13 are not available as there has been a technological mix-up.

Meeting came to order at 7:11.

First order of business was Jiri Hajek had come in inquiring about Forest Hills Rd., a private road on which he resides. He was concerned with whether the road was in compliance with RSA 674:41 and what would constitute non-conforming use, the standards for private vs. public roads, and what the history of the subdivision was. Slim said he had consulted with a lawyer from LGC who told him the town has no jurisdiction over the road as it has no public duty to repair it and any maintenance matters were a private civil matter for the private association of landowners.

Next, Slim moved we spend \$22 for a current issue of the *Planning and Land Use Handbook*. Jenny seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

We discussed term expirations: Deb Johnson and Russ Carruth are up for reelection, and as both would like to continue serving they filed their paperwork. A brief discussion of Candidates Night ensued.

Next, Slim had a copy of HB 1473-FN, concerning eliminating regional planning commissions, and requiring that the majority of Planning Board members be elected. After perusal we decided this bill was not particularly relevant to us.

At this point Sherry Nelson came in and gave a report from an NCC meeting she had been at concerning Transportation Systems. She learned that there is a transportation opportunity for seniors called "Transport Central" but they need volunteers from Groton.

Deb reported to the Board that her draft of a revised Master Plan is very close to complete. It will be considerably longer than our current plan as it will reflect much of the work we have done, council we have received, and will incorporate the feedback we received from respondents to the survey we conducted.

Some dates to remember: Election Day is March 11th. Town meeting is March 15th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Burnett, clerk.