

Groton Planning Board Minutes 7/30/14

Present: Chairman Slim Spafford, Celine Richer, Deb Johnson, Dave Labar, Russ Carruth, Jenny Burnett, Sherry Nelson, Ray Blake, and Select Board Liaison Bob Ferriere

The minutes were not available to be read due to transitions in the Town Office Staff.

Meanwhile, we did decide that the current subdivision regulations with the amendments to 3.7D and 3.9N are indeed the ones that are on the web.

At 7:15 the hearing was opened for Rockhaven Financial LLC Subdivision off Bailey Hill Rd. However, it was immediately suspended to allow another petitioner to provide information on a different subdivision proposal to the Board.

Gary Easson has hired Alan Barnard to help prepare a subdivision application; a Mr. and Mrs. Val Milengin were interested in purchasing a 5 acre portion of his lot on the corner of Bailey Hill and Will Colburn Rd. Mr. Easson had prepared an informational sheet directly addressing the articles in the checklist. We congratulated him on his preparedness, and Mr. Barnard expressed that what he really might want to ascertain was whether "all roads" would entail bringing all of either Bailey Hill or Will Colburn Rd. up to standard.

There was disagreement on the Board as to the interpretation of our new language in this case, and as there was clearly a need for greater clarity we decided to table the discussion for now so we could proceed with business.

At 8:32 the hearing was reopened. Slim had called counsel regarding whether the Rockhaven application would fall under the old rules or the new language. Mr. Barnard asserted that the application was stamped received July 9<sup>th</sup>, and our regulation changes were recorded the 11<sup>th</sup>, so he felt that the old rules needed to apply.

Deb moved and Celine seconded that we move forward with determining the acceptability of the application and have some discussion but refrain from approval or disapproval of the subdivision until we are able to consult further with legal counsel. Bob abstained but otherwise all were in favor, and Slim begins the process of going through the checklist.

After the checklist process, there were some issues to argue, but Jenny moved and Celine seconded that we accept the application and all were in favor.

Jenny moved Celine seconded that the hearing be continued to August 27<sup>th</sup>, our next regularly scheduled meeting. We will also have a Master Plan work session August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jenny moved we adjourn, there was a chorus of seconds, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:17.

Submitted by Jenny Burnett