Groton Planning Board Minutes 9/24/14

Present: Deb Johnson (Acting Chair), Jenny Burnett, Ray Blake, Celine Richer, Dave Labar, and Bob

Ferriere, Select Board Liaison

Absent: Slim Spafford, Sherry Nelson, Russ Carruth

Meeting opened at 7:10 PM.

Reading of the minutes was postponed due to not having any on hand.

The first order of business is the hearing for the proposed subdivision by Rockhaven Financial LLC for the property to be known as Alpine Meadows, located on the North side of Bailey Hill Rd. The plans for this have been prepared by Licensed Surveyor Alan Barnard, who was present for the continuation of the Hearing.

The Public Hearing was reopened at 7:12.

Mr. Barnard presented for the Board pictures of the road from various vantage points as well as the final draft of the plans. He explained some of the changes made, including showing the old Hobbs place cellar hole, having all corners set and marked, and showing proposed driveway locations as requested. Plan references had also been added regarding Bailey Hill Rd. We discussed information on the Colburn Rd. and the discontinuance of Bailey Hill Rd. from Rumney to the Hobbs place.

Consulting Contractor Glen Hansen presented a report detailing recommendations for driveway construction to each proposed lot for examination by the Board. A Road Maintenance Agreement was also passed around; notes on the plat say the Agreement is "subject to legal interpretation as it may apply to this property". The Board also examined photos of the easement turnout off the frontage of Lot 13-1 to show the condition of Bailey Hill Rd.

Jenny moved, Celine seconded, that we approve the subdivision plan as presented and improved. All were in favor, and all members signed the plans. Jenny moved, Celine seconded, that we have Alan record the plan at Grafton County's registry of Deeds. All were in favor.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:51 and Mr. Barnard and Mr. Hansen departed.

Next item entailed a brief discussion of the Board's draft 2015 budget request per instructions by the Select Board. Bob moved and Jenny seconded that we keep the 2014 budget static into 2015. Deb added that this was a good idea due to her fleeting status as an Acting Chair, and the fact that Slim will have the opportunity to make changes upon his return. All were in favor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.