

## GROTON PLANNING BOARD

April 27, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05

Present: Chair Deborah Johnson, Ray Blake, Dave LaBar, Russ Carruth, Elizabeth Jespersen, Bob Ferriere (Select Board Liaison) Sherry Nelson (Alternate)

Audience Member Present

Minutes of Last Meeting (3/30/16) were read aloud by Chair with suggested changes as noted per Deb. Para 5 second sentence to read Highlighted was the requirement that we can't call each other *pertaining to Board business* was added. Para 7 changed documents to *regulations*. Para 8 changed requires to *request*. Para 9 change Public Hearing to *Focus Session*; added Cost of Community Services study *complete*; *. Para 10 Changed Celine Richer to Deb*; 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence changed April to *May*. Para 11 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence changed will to *was*; Changed last sentence to read: *We were reminded by Dave that we previously agreed to change the name of Transportation and Roads to Just Roads in the new Master Plan*. Para 15 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence changed wouldn't to *didn't*. Motion to accept as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

Discussion as to who would attend the OEP conference June 4. Deb pointed out that our budget does have funds for seminars/training. Glen was not present to voice an opinion as to a preference for attending. Elizabeth has a prior commitment that day. The issue was tabled until end of meeting.

Next Deb stated that she would like for the board to consider doing a mailing to Groton property owners alerting them of the June 13 meeting that discusses the Master Plan and Zoning being put on by the NLRA and notice of the June 29 Planning Board Hearing on the Master Plan. Several points of view were discussed as to whether or not we should do the mailing, the cost of previous mailings and whether or not the Zoning Board would share in the cost of the mailing. Deb pointed out that because of the importance of the Master Plan the residents should have the opportunity to know about the planning in their town. The greatest way to reach a large number of residents would be through a mailing. Elizabeth made a motion to do a mailing to notify of the June 13 NLRA meeting regarding public engagement of the Master Plan process and also of the June 29 Planning Board Hearing on the Master Plan. All in Favor: Deb, Ray, Bob, Dave and Elizabeth. Opposed: Russ. Motion carried. Zoning Board will be notified we voted to do the mailing. The meetings will be posted on the website, in the Citizens newspaper and in appropriate places at the Town Hall. A draft copy of the Master Plan will be online and available at the Town Hall for public viewing.

Next item was the Conservation Commissions request to use the Planning Board maps prepared by Natural Resource Inventory. There are a series of maps that cover the entire town. Russ agreed there was no reason not to share. The maps will be located and made available for the Conservation Commission.

Next we started Master Plan review. We completed changes to Section I and II. A work session was set for May 4 at 6 pm.

Deb moved to adjourn at 9:35 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray, passed unanimously.

Approved