

GROTON PLANNING BOARD  
JULY 26, 2017

Present: Deb Johnson, Russ Carruth, Ray Blake, Elizabeth Jespersen, Kyle Andrews (Select Board Liaison), Sherry Nelson (Alternate)

Audience Member Present

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Deb motioned for Sherry Nelson to be a voting member tonight. Russ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed Unanimously.

Acceptance of June meeting minutes delayed until our next meeting.

It was decided that the Planning Board would not set up a table at Old Home Days on August 5, 2017 for the public to review and comment on the Master Plan. Old Home Days does not present enough time for the public to look at the Master Plan since it only runs from 5-9 pm. We will hold a public hearing soon for public review.

Kyle gave a brief report on the status of the two organizations that presented on the upcoming Kimball Hill property bid as it was explained to the Select Board the previous evening. As of today, the Conservation Fund backed out of the bid process. The Nature Conservancy will be presenting a bid on Aug 10 to the landowners. It is hoped that if they were the successful bidder that Groton would be in position sometime in the future to purchase the property from them. They would put a conservation easement on the property as soon as they owned it. It would then be open to the public to use for hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting. Interestingly enough, horseback riding would not be allowed on the property. The town would hope that they would be open to negotiations in this matter since several people already horseback ride on this property presently.

If all goes as planned, the board will approve the Master Plan at our next meeting.

Also, Steve Whitman is planning to attend our next meeting to discuss how the NLRA and the Planning Board can work together to devise Zoning that would be beneficial to both.

Russ brought up the shoulder washout near the Savage subdivision on N Groton Road that happened after a torrential rainstorm 2 weeks ago. A huge section of one of the driveway entrances was washed away. Deb motioned to have our Select Board liaison, Kyle talk this matter over with the Select Board. Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously. Kyle will talk with the Select Board and the road agent to look at the area to determine if the current culverts are sufficient.

Ray motioned to close at 8:14 pm since there was no further business to discuss. Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jespersen, Secretary