

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

December 27, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Present: Chair Deborah Johnson, Ray Blake, Dave LaBar, Russ Carruth, Glen Hansen, Kyle Andrews (Select Board Liaison)

Alternate: Stephen (Slim) Spafford

Deb moved to designate Slim to sit in place of member Elizabeth Jespersen who resigned her elected position on 10/09/2017. RSA 673:11

The Committee waived reading of the November Minutes, and following review, the Members approved the Minutes as presented.

First order of business was the review and approval of the Town's revised Master Plan. Deb handed out Article 3 Land Use and Article 6 Tax Base, the last sections modified and requiring review by Board members. Article 3 now reflects land ownership and/or location of conserved parcels and insertion of maps. Article 6 is finalized with information and statistics on business tax base in Groton. There is also a more comprehensive discussion on the Cost of Community Services Study, which examines different land uses (commercial/industrial, residential, and open space) and asks if the tax revenues provided by the land use provides are more or less than the costs of services for that use.

After review and discussion by the PB of these two sections and the Master Plan as a whole, Dave motioned to "adopt the 2017 Revised Master Plan and on this 27th day of December 2017, execute the Adoption Document, thereby certifying the Master Plan dated December 27, 2017 to the Town Clerk." Glen seconded and the Motion carried unanimously.

The Planning Board then authorized Deb to write and submit the Boards 2017 Annual Report for inclusion in the Town Report. Deb was asked by Russ and others on the PB to review the years minutes and include in the report the most salient/important points.

Next on the Agenda was the PB 2018 budget. Deb explained that the initial submission required correction in that the Master Plan/Planning & Zoning line needed to reflect the full expense with a notation that the expense would be off-set by a grant from the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) equaling \$6,000. The Board agreed and directed Deb to submit a corrected budget to the selectman.

Wrapping the evening up, the members reviewed the PB meeting schedule for 2018 and acknowledged it was consistent with RSA requirements, monthly meeting and providing an opportunity for applicants to come before the Board with submissions.

Kyle Moved for Adjournment of the Meeting at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by

Deborah Johnson