

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

January 31, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Present: Chair Deborah Johnson, Ray Blake, Dave LaBar, Russ Carruth

Absent: Glen Hansen, Kyle Andrews (Select Board Liaison)

The Committee waived reading of the December Minutes, and delayed approval until the February meeting.

The Board then turned to a discussion of the conservation commission. Deb explained that Slim is the chair of the commission and the commission needs members. They also want the PB to appoint a liaison. This will enable each group to support the other's work and cooperate. However, multiple individuals from the Planning Board cannot serve on more than one land use board. (See RSA 672:7.) Therefore, Deb moved to accept Slim's resignation as alternate to the PB and further motioned to appoint Ray Blake to serve as the Boards liaison. That way only one PB member would serve on the commission. Dave seconded these motions and the vote carried unanimously.

Deb then provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Citizen Planning Committee (CPC). Passing out the invitation to the 'Open House' scheduled for February 16 and 17, Deb updated the Board on the event format and purpose to engage Groton residents and property owners on the revised Master Plan and the benefits of planning for development versus just "letting it happen without any thought." It should be the community that decides how and where the Town grows, not an outsider with an application that might not fit the Town's vision.

The final item on the Agenda was attendance and participation at a meeting the select board scheduled for 2/20/18 regarding a new building permit filed by Mr. Kuplin for his property located on Map 5. Lot 46. He is now requesting the permit based on "agriculture", with no explanation to determine if he will meet the state's definition. In addition, the selectman must decide if they can issue a building permit without the applicant first proceeding with applications for Special Exception and Site Plan Review. After discussion, the PB members all agree that the applicant must file with both the ZBA and PB. Deb will attend the scheduled meeting and other PB members will try to attend barring work commitments.

Adjournment of the Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Submitted,

Deborah Johnson