

**GROTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## Minutes

December 9, 2006

Chairman Evan Owen called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in Town Hall. Members Craig Auman, Bruce Clements, Bruce Easom, Holly Estes, Marshall Giguere, and Peter Morrison were present. Conservation Assistant Barbara Ganem explained the purpose for the meeting was for the Commission to take positions on the two articles to be considered at Town Meeting on October 11, 2006, as well as discuss and vote on the Conservation Restrictions for Lots 6 & 7 and Lot 8 at Surrenden Farms. The meeting was properly posted, more than 48 hours prior to this time. Town Planner Michelle Collette and Selectman Fran Dillon were also present.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by C. Auman, it was

VOTED: to support Article 2 for the October 11, 2006 Town Meeting, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to grant a Conservation Restriction on the Groton Memorial Town Forest (Assessors Parcels 210-4 & 5) to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The vote was unanimous.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by B. Clements, it was

VOTED: to support Article 1 for the October 11, 2006 Town Meeting authorizing the Town to acquire for general municipal purposes a parcel of land shown as Parcel B on a plan entitled "Plan of Land, The Marion D. Campbell Trust, Farmers Row, Groton, Massachusetts" dated October 17, 2006.

B. Easom abstained from the vote.

B. Ganem reported Town Counsel emailed yesterday a form called "Power of Attorney" for Commission signatures. The form appears to be used to assign someone the authority to sign on behalf of the Commission at the time papers are passed on the Surrenden Farm project. Members agreed to hold the form until more information is available to clarify why this form is necessary. B. Easom noted that it is probably a practical matter because the deal is so complex. P. Morrison questioned why the Commission has not previously signed such a form and if it would be necessary for future projects.

Upon a motion by C. Auman, seconded by M. Giguere, it was

VOTED: to approve and recommend approval to the Board of Selectmen of the December 7, 2006 draft of the Surrenden Farm Conservation Restriction to be held by the Town of Groton Conservation Commission on Lots 6 and 7, including Exhibit A showing 146± acres of land.

All were in favor.

Upon a motion by B. Clements, seconded by B. Easom, it was

VOTED: to approve and recommend approval to the Board of Selectmen of the December 7, 2006 draft of the Consensual Order of Taking/Conservation Easement a/k/a Conservation Restriction (on Lot 8) on 159.65 acres of land to be owned by the Town of Groton, with the Restriction held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Fish and Game.

The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara V. Ganem  
Conservation Assistant

**Approved as drafted December 26, 2006.**