

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

MAY 2, 2001

MINUTES

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall

Members present: Curtis, Barringer, Clements, Degen, and Perkins

Member absent: Eliot and Lewis

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 19 – The Board discussed its position on Article 19, the Board of Selectmen’s request for funding to engineer the parking lot adjacent to the rail trail. The Board already spent \$8000.00 of its engineering budget for preliminary design by Fay, Spoffard, and Thorndike. The motion was made by Perkins to support the article. The motion was seconded and passed with Curtis, Barringer, Degen, and Perkins in favor; Clements abstaining. Planning Administrator Michelle Collette will present the Planning Board’s recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 39 – The Board discussed its position on Article 39, the Conservation Commission’s request that a parcel of land acquired by tax foreclosure be dedicated as conservation land. The parcel 8.9-acre parcel is located off Longley Road adjacent to other open space and in the vicinity of the Harry Rich State Forest. The motion was made by Perkins to support the article. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Member Degen will present the Planning Board’s recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 40 – The Board discussed its position on Article 41, the Conservation Commission’s request that a parcel of land acquired by tax foreclosure be dedicated as conservation land. The parcel five-acre parcel is located off West Main Street along the Squannacook River. The motion was made by Perkins to support the article. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Member Degen will present the Planning Board’s recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 41 – The Board discussed its position on Article 41, the Conservation Commission’s proposed amendment to the Wetlands Protection By-Law. Board members stated that the revisions made by Town Counsel addressed its concerns with the previous version of the by-law. The motion was made by Degen to support the article. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chairman Curtis will present the Planning Board’s recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 44 - The motion was made by Perkins to support the article on Computation of Lot Area with the proposed floor amendment to add the word “required” before the words “lot area”. The motion was made by Perkins to support the article. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chairman Curtis will present the Planning Board’s report at Town Meeting.

Article 45 – The Board received a memorandum dated May 2, 2001 from Ezra Glenn of McGregor Associates with three suggested amendments to the Hilltop and Slope Overlay District article. The Board discussed the proposed amendments and decided to include items one and two, but not three, as recommended by McGregor Associates. The motion was made by Degen to support Article 45 Hilltop and Slope Overlay District with amendments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Degen will present the Planning Board’s report at Town Meeting. He reviewed the points to be included in his report for the Board. Chairman Curtis said the Board should be prepared to move to postpone indefinitely if it looks like the article will be defeated so it can be proposed again within two years.

Article 46 – The motion was made by Perkins to support Article 46, Site Plan Review. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chairman Curtis will present the Planning Board’s report at Town Meeting.

Article 47 - The motion was made by Perkins to support Article 47, Public Use District. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Member Perkins will present the Planning Board’s report at Town Meeting.

Article 48 - The motion was made by Degen to support Article 48, rezoning properties to the Public Use District, proposed by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Member Perkins will present the Planning Board's report at Town Meeting.

Article 52 – The motion was made by Perkins to support Article 52, Street Acceptance for subdivision roads in the Groton Hills and Partridgeberry Woods subdivision. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chairman Curtis will present the Planning Board's report at Town Meeting.

Article 56 – The Board voted, four in favor and one opposed, at its meeting on April 26, 2001 to support the rezoning petition submitted by Peterborough Oil. Member Perkins will present the Planning Board's report at Town Meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Board members reviewed the draft text of the chapters of the Master Plan prepared by consultant Ken Kreutziger. The Board will ask Mr. Kreutziger to submit an invoice for his services to date. The Board discussed whether it should finalize the master document on its own rather than using the consultant. A forum will be scheduled for June to discuss the matter with the master plan volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Planning Administrator