

**GROTON PLANNING BOARD  
JANUARY 27, 2009  
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Barringer, Burke, Capes, Giger, Hess and Wilson

Member absent: Perkins

**ANR PLAN – GROTON LAND FOUNDATION, ORCHARD LANE**

The Planning Board considered the Approval Not Required plan submitted by the Groton Land Foundation to create four new lots subject to Special Permit 2007-01 for Flexible Development. The motion was made by Wilson to endorse the plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Groton, Massachusetts, Prepared for: Groton Land Foundation," prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, Inc., dated May 15, 2006, revised November 9, 2006. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

**MEETING WITH SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

The Planning Board met with the Sustainability Commission to discuss matters of common interest. The Planning Board requested the Commission's support for funding the update of the Comprehensive Master Plan. Sustainability Commission Chairman Michael Roberts said a consensus is needed on how the Town will conduct the visioning process.

Member Barringer said there will be a series of public forums facilitated by the consultant. Member Burke added that the Planning Board must select the right consultant who knows how to facilitate the process in a transparent way. Mr. Roberts recommended that the Planning Board research the Vermont Country Store-Orton Foundation's website on Finding the Heart and Soul of Community at: [www.orton.org](http://www.orton.org).

The Planning Board also requested that the Sustainability Commission support the proposed Wind Energy Conversion Facilities amendment at the Spring Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held on February 19, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

**PRESENTATION BY WAYNE FEIDEN OF NORTHAMPTON, MA**

Northampton Planner Wayne Feiden presented a power point slide show on sustainability measures and relocalization. He said it is important to change the public debate on sustainability and to review all decisions with sustainability goals. He said Northampton's Comprehensive Plan is entitled, "Sustainable Northampton." A copy of the power point presentation is available at:

<http://sustaininggroton.com/Content/NorthamptonSustainabilityforGroton.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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