

**GROTON PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 14, 2010
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Capes, Burke, Giger, Perkins, and Wilson

Members absent: Barringer and Hess

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

The Selectmen requested that the Planning Board sponsor an article to add Prescott School to the Station Avenue Overlay District. The Selectmen are sponsoring a public information session for landowners on February 6, 2010. The Board discussed sponsoring a zoning amendment to update the Floodplain District maps. The Board will place an article on the warrant if the information and maps are received from FEMA by the end of March.

MRPC TRAFFIC STUDY

The Board received a copy of the traffic study prepared by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) for the intersection of Townsend Road and Route 119.

The motion was made by Perkins to request that Fay, Spofford & Thorndike perform a peer review of the traffic study with the cost not to exceed \$2000.00 The motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

The motion was made by Perkins to request that the Selectmen solicit cost sharing on corrective measures from Townsend and Pepperell. The motion was seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

RIVERCOURT RETAINING WALL

The Board discussed whether to request a peer review of the retaining wall at the Rivercourt Assistance Living Facility. The Board determined that the Building Commissioner should require that the plan for the retaining wall be stamped by a structural engineer.

BUILDING NUMBERING REGULATIONS

The Board received a copy of the proposed Building Numbering Regulations reviewed by Town Counsel. The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed regulations in February. After the Selectmen adopt the regulations, the Planning Board should adopt a reference in the Subdivision Regulations.

ACADEMY HILL SHARED DRIVEWAYS

The motion was made by Perkins to approve the names "Lilac Circle" and "Magnolia Lane" for shared driveways as requested by Academy Hill, LLC, and approved by the 9-1-1 Liaison. The motion was seconded by Giger and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Land Use Director/Town Planner