**TOWN OF GROTON SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD**

**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

A special virtual meeting of the Planning Board was held on Friday, April 29, 2022, at approximately

9:00 a.m. All votes were to be taken by roll call because the meeting was virtual.

**Members Present:**

Mr. Scott Wilson, Chair

Ms. Nilsson Ripps, Vice-Chair

Ms. Alyson Bedard, Clerk

Mr. George Barringer, Board Member

Mr. Russell Burke, Board Member

Mr. David Bonnett, Board Member

**Members not Present:**

Ms. Lorayne Black, Board Member

**Also Present:**

Mr. Takashi Tada, Land Use Director/Town Planner

Per the Massachusetts Attorney General’s guidance, Mr. Wilson stated the meeting was virtual and being recorded and all votes must be taken via roll call. Further, Mr. Wilson introduced the Planning Board who were participating in the meeting.

***Public Hearing – Zoning Amendment – Water Resource Protection Overlay District***

***New Zone II Map for Whitney Well #3***

Mr. Wilson opened the public hearing and the reading of the public hearing into the record was waived.

Mr. Thomas Orcutt, on behalf of the Groton Water Commission, addressed the Board and said the proposal was to update §218-7.3C to incorporate the new Zone II map by reference. The new Zone II map includes the Zone II area for the new Whitney Pond Well #3. The new Zone II map was prepared by the Water Commission’s consultants, CEI.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were members of the public who had questions or comments.

Ms. Michelle Collette, Stormwater Inspector and former Town Planner, gave a brief history of the Watershed Resources Protection Overlay District mapping. She reviewed an earlier version of the new map and notices some discrepancies in the Zone III areas depicted on the new map, when compared to the 2013 map that is referenced in the Zoning Bylaw. She asked Mr. Orcutt if the Zone III discrepancies had been resolved in the new map. Mr. Orcutt replied in the affirmative.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barringer made a motion to recommend approval to Town Meeting the Water Resource Protection Over Districts in Groton, MA, prepared by Comprehensive Environmental, Inc., dated April 27, 2022. Ms. Bedard seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Mr. Barringer, Mr. Bonnett, Ms. Bedard,

 Mr. Burke, Ms. Nilsson Ripps, Mr. Wilson 6

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0 – 0.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Barringer made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Nilsson Ripps seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Mr. Burke, Ms. Bedard, Mr. Bonnett, Ms. Nilsson Ripps, 6

 Mr. Barringer, & Mr. Wilson

Nay: 0

**The motion carried 6 – 0 – 0.**

***Adjournment***

At approximately 9:12 a.m. Mr. Barringer made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bedard seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Mr. Burke, Ms. Bedard, Mr. Bonnett, Ms. Nilsson Ripps, 6

 Mr. Barringer, & Mr. Wilson

Nay: 0

**The motion carried 6 – 0 – 0.**

Respectfully submitted:

Trish Gedziun

Recording Secretary

*Approved 5/26/2022*