Groton Sign Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/5/04

Present: Members - Joe Bassett, Alberta Erickson, Karl Johnson, John MacLeod,

Peter Myette

Selectman – Peter Cunningham

Residents – Janine Doucette, Andy Field, Josh Webber

Groton Businessperson – Rich Colangelo,

Peter Cunningham spoke to the committee about Article 15 on the October 27 Town meeting warrant. Article 15 authorized a change in the title of section 19-5 of the sign bylaw by adding Public Use as a new subsection K. Article 15 was unanimously supported by the sign committee.

Permit applications:

• Josh Webber of the Gibbet Hill Grill submitted an illustration for a free standing sign to the committee and will later want directional signs at a later time. Karl Johnson, sign committee chair emeritus, made a motion to approve free the standing sign as shown in submitted illustration and will keep the application open for permits for other signs including directional and building signs.

Violations/Enforcement:

- Groton General Store John MacLeod spoke with owner's brother and he did clean up some of the signs that were in violation. A follow up visitation is required.
- Karl Johnson noticed there were many off-premises real estate signs in the town. The committee recommended a letter be drafted to address the problem and sent to the real estate folks in town.

Miscellaneous

- Rich Colangelo from Re Max Colonial asked the committee for help in determining the approach to getting a sign for the office-condominium he bought at Mill Run. Rich was asked to return to the next meeting with a proposal.
- Karl Johnson made a motion to request the planning board place the sign committee on their distribution list for all commercial building permits which was unanimously approved by the sign committee.