

**MINUTES OF THE  
ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE  
FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 1997**

The adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Gosselin at 7:37 in the evening. There were 137 voters in attendance.

**ARTICLE 17:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-9, Location of Districts and approve a new Zoning Map, as follows:

By striking out the first sentence which reads as follows:

"Said districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled, "Town of Groton, Massachusetts - Zoning Map," dated February 18, 1986, and revised and amended to date, and as shown on a series of maps entitled, "Addendum: Town of Groton, Massachusetts - Zoning Map; Supplemental Descriptive Narrative and Maps" on file in the office of the Town Clerk."

And by inserting in its place the following sentence:

"Said districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled, "Town of Groton, Massachusetts - Zoning Map," dated September 1, 1997, and revised and amended to date, and as shown on a series of maps entitled, "Addendum: Town of Groton, Massachusetts - Zoning Map; Supplemental Descriptive Narrative and Maps" on file in the office of the Town Clerk."

A motion to postpone was made and seconded.

Motion to postpone indefinitely carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 18:** Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-4 Definitions, by adding the following definition at its appropriate alphabetical location:

"WETLAND(S) - Wetland areas as defined in the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL C. 131, § 40, buffer zones as defined in the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL C. 131, § 40, and area(s) subject to the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL C. 131, § 40, shall mean areas subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL C. 131, § 40, as amended by the River Protection Act (St. 1996, C. 258)."

A motion to postpone indefinitely was moved and seconded.

The motion to postpone carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 19:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, as follows:

1. Amend Section 218-4 Definitions by adding the following definition at its appropriate alphabetical location:

"MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - A division of land, whether or not a 'Subdivision' requiring Planning Board approval, involving one or more of the following within a two-year period from or on a property or set of contiguous properties in common ownership as of October 1, 1997:

- the creation of more than six lots (excluding any restricted from residential use); or
- the creation of more than three lots potentially having individual driveway egress onto streets existing at the time of lot creation unless, because of lot configuration or restrictions to be recorded on the plan creating the lot, no lot being created has a potential driveway location within six hundred (600) feet of another potential driveway location on a lot being created from the same premises; or
- the creation of more than three lots unless each of the lots in excess of three because of lot location or restrictions to be recorded on the plan creating the lot, has no potential site for construction of a dwelling any part of which would be less than 200 feet from a street existing at the time of lot creation."

2. Amend Section 218-13 Schedule of Use Regulations by inserting "Major Residential Development: as the last row under "Residential", with "PB" entries under the R-A, R-B, and B-1 Districts, and with "N" entries under the M-1, C, and O Districts, with a footnote referenced to the "PB" entries reading as follows:

"Except "Y" if lot area and frontage are both at least 50% greater than that otherwise required under § 218-21 or other provisions of this By-Law."

3. Amend Article V Special Regulations by inserting a new Section 218-26.1, to read as follows:

"§ 218-26.1 Major Residential Development

"A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to assure a public voice in consideration of alternative approaches to residential developments which, because of their impacts, are of importance to the Town as stated in the Comprehensive Master Plan.

"B. Applicability. Special permits for Major Residential Development (see definition), as required in § 218-13 Schedule of Use Regulations, shall be acted upon in accordance with the following.

"C. Procedures.

"(1) Application for a special permit for Major Residential Development shall include a basic development plan and a substantially different alternative development plan. Examples of 'substantially different' would be a conventional subdivision plan versus Open Space Residential Development (see § 218-26), or two plans of the same type but having major differences in the number of lots created, road pattern, or open space configuration. Applicants are urged to submit alternatives for pre-submission review as described in § 218-25E.

"(2) Applicants for Major Residential Development shall file with the Planning Board the following, except any which the Planning Board has waived in writing prior to application submittal, based on its determination that the waived information would not be germane to the decision, or would be unjustified in light of the scale, location, or other attributes of the proposal:

"(a) A development plan as described at § 218-26E(1), showing both alternative approaches;

"(b) An environmental and design analysis as described at § 218-26E(3);

"(c) Narrative and tabular materials describing the proposal including the number and size of dwelling units; proposed project phasing; and any provisions being made to target special occupancies, such as for the elderly or for affordable housing.

"(d) Any additional information necessary to make the determination and assessments cited in Section 218-26.1D Decision.

"D. Decision

"(1) The Planning Board shall approve or approve with conditions a Special Permit for Major Residential Development for the basic development plan, provided that the Board determines that the alternative plan is in fact a good-faith design for beneficial use of the site, and that the basic plan serves the following at least as well as does the alternative plan:

"(a) Section 218-25G(1) Criteria for Site Plan approval;

"(b) Section 218-26A Open Space Residential Development purpose;

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"(d) Configuration of development to minimize damage to portions of the site having important habitat, ecosystem, visual, agricultural or historic importance, or to provide identified community benefits.

"(2) If the Board determines that the alternative plan serves the above objectives and criteria better than does the Basic Plan, it shall approve Major Residential Development only for that alternative plan, provided that it meets all requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

"(3) The Board shall disapprove both plans only if it determines that the alternative plan is not a good-faith design or that the more beneficial plan does not conform to the requirements of the Zoning By-Law."

4. Amend Section 218-26E(1)(b) so that it reads as follows:

"(b) A design concept plan or series of plans, indicating schematically how the configuration of site grading, building design and locations, roads and drives, sidewalks and trails, wells and sewage disposal facilities, retained vegetation and new plantings, building lots and reserved open space have been shaped in relation to the qualities of the site and the concerns of the Town, reflecting consideration of site topography, geology, environmental resources, microclimate, visibility, and viewsheds, access convenience and safety, and other planning considerations."

A motion was made and seconded to consider articles, 20, 21 22 and 23 together.

The motion to consider carried.

. **ARTICLE 20:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way a certain private way known as Spencer Circle as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and more fully shown on a plan entitled "Spencer Circle As Built Plan, Groton Mass.," dated Dec. 19, 1996, revised Aug. 26, 1997, and prepared for Balcom Associates by Troy, Mede & Associates, Tewksbury, MA., a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

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The motions carried unanimously.

A motion was was made and seconded to consider article 24 after article 28.

The motion carried by majority.

**ARTICLE 25:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as the Board may deem prudent regarding the matter currently pending before the Land Court known as Robert L. Boisvert and Ann E. Boisvert, Petitioners, vs. the Town of Groton, Case No. 240154, including assenting to the Petitioner's Petition, which matter is an adverse possession action involving the portion of the Boisvert's residence which encroaches on the right of way of Indian Road at Lost Lake, or take any action thereon.

The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 27:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to re-join the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,774.00 for the first year of service.

The motion was defeated.

The decision of the chair was challenged.

The motion was defeated: 37 in favor, 92 opposed.

**ARTICLE 28:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the map for its "Proposed Hollis Street Extension, Groton Sewer System", date April 1996, as adopted by Town Meeting Vote of 5/7/1996 Article No. 46, so as to delete assessors lot No's J-127, J-128, & J-130 (154 Hollis St., & 158 Hollis St respectively) from said Map, or take any action thereon.

A motion to postpone indefinitely was made and seconded.

The motion carried.

**ARTICLE 24:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton by adding the following to the Traffic and Road Bylaw:

**"ROADWAY BARRIERS**

No roadway barriers will be erected in the Town of Groton without the knowledge, permission and approval of the local residents, exempt of any State and Federal laws.

The motion was defeated.

**ARTICLE 29:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 81, Article I, of the Code of the Town of Groton by amending Section 81-3. Posting of the Warrant as follows:

by changing the title of the section by deleting the words "posting of", by numbering the existing paragraph as section "A", and by adding a new Section "B", as follows:

"B. Any warrant article which requests a sum of money must state in the article an amount not to be exceeded for the action requested."

A motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to postpone carried.

**ARTICLE 30:** Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 13 of the Code of the Town of Groton by amending Section 2, Duties, as follows:

Delete all language after the word "shall" on the next to the last line of the paragraph and replace it with the following:

"submit a written report of its recommendations to the Town Meeting, which report shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and made available to the public at the time of the posting of the Warrant."

A motion to postpone was made and seconded.

The motion to postpone carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

The motion carried.

The meeting was dissolved at 9:17 p.m.

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- the creation of more than six lots (excluding any restricted from residential use); or
- the creation or more than three lots potentially having individual driveway egress onto streets existing at the time of lot creation unless, because of lot configuration or restrictions to be recorded on the plan creating the lot, no lot being created has a potential driveway location within six hundred (600) feet of another potential driveway location on a lot being created from the same premises; or
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2. Amend Section 218-13 Schedule of Use Regulations by inserting "Major Residential Development: as the last row under "Residential", with "PB" entries under the R-A, R-B, and B-1 Districts, and with "N" entries under the M-1, C, and O Districts, with a footnote referenced to the "PB" entries reading as follows:

"Except "Y" if lot area and frontage are both at least 50% greater than that otherwise required under § 218-21 or other provisions of this By-Law."

3. Amend Article V Special Regulations by inserting a new Section 218-26.1, to read as follows:

"§ 218-26.1 Major Residential Development

"A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to assure a public voice in consideration of alternative approaches to residential developments which, because of their impacts, are of importance to the Town as stated in the Comprehensive Master Plan.

"B. Applicability. Special permits for Major Residential Development (see definition), as required in § 218-13 Schedule of Use Regulations, shall be acted upon in accordance with the following.

"C. Procedures.

"(1) Application for a special permit for Major Residential Development shall include a basic development plan and a substantially different alternative development plan. Examples of 'substantially different' would be a conventional subdivision plan versus Open Space Residential Development (see § 218-26), or two plans of the same type but having major differences in the number of lots created, road pattern, or open space configuration. Applicants are urged to submit alternatives for pre-submission review as described in § 218-25E.

"(2) Applicants for Major Residential Development shall file with the Planning Board the following, except any which the Planning Board has waived in writing prior to application submittal, based on its determination that the waived information would not be germane to the decision, or would be unjustified in light of the scale, location, or other attributes of the proposal:

"(a) A development plan as described at § 218-26E(1), showing both alternative approaches;

"(b) An environmental and design analysis as described at § 218-26E(3);

"(c) Narrative and tabular materials describing the proposal including the number and size of dwelling units; proposed project phasing; and any provisions being made to target special occupancies, such as for the elderly or for affordable housing.

"(d) Any additional information necessary to make the determination and assessments cited in Section 218-26.1D Decision.

"D. Decision

"(1) The Planning Board shall approve or approve with conditions a Special Permit for Major Residential Development for the basic development plan, provided that the Board determines that the alternative plan is in fact a good-faith design for beneficial use of the site, and that the basic plan serves the following at least as well as does the alternative plan:

"(a) Section 218-25G(1) Criteria for Site Plan approval;

"(b) Section 218-26A Open Space Residential Development purpose;

"(c) Section 218-32.1C Special Permit Criteria;

"(d) Configuration of development to minimize damage to portions of the site having important habitat, ecosystem, visual, agricultural or historic importance, or to provide identified community benefits.

"(2) If the Board determines that the alternative plan serves the above objectives and criteria better than does the Basic Plan, it shall approve Major Residential Development only for that alternative plan, provided that it meets all requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

"(3) The Board shall disapprove both plans only if it determines that the alternative plan is not a good-faith design or that the more beneficial plan does not conform to the requirements of the Zoning By-Law."

4. Amend Section 218-26E(1)(b) so that it reads as follows:

"(b) A design concept plan or series of plans, indicating schematically how the configuration of site grading, building design and locations, roads and drives, sidewalks and trails, wells and sewage disposal facilities, retained vegetation and new plantings, building lots and reserved open space have been shaped in relation to the qualities of the site and the concerns of the Town, reflecting consideration of site topography, geology, environmental resources, microclimate, visibility, and viewsheds, access convenience and safety, and other planning considerations."

A motion was made and seconded to amend article 19 by striking the original wording and replace with the following text:

Amend Section 218-4 Definitions by adding the following definition at its appropriate alphabetical location:

"MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - A division of land for residential purposes (whether or not a 'Subdivision' requiring Planning Board approval), which would result in more than the following numbers and kinds of lots on a parcel or a set of contiguous parcels which were in common ownership as of October 1, 1997:

- an increase by six or more lots (excluding any restricted from residential use) above the number there two years earlier; or
- more than three lots potentially having individual driveway egress onto streets existing at the time of lot creation unless, because of lot configuration or restrictions to be recorded on the plan creating the lot, no lot being created has a potential driveway location within six hundred (600) feet of another potential driveway location on a lot being created from the same premises; or
- more than three lots unless each of the lots in excess of three, because of lot location or restrictions to be recorded on the plan creating the lot, has no potential site for construction of a dwelling any part of which would be less than 200 feet from a street existing at the time of lot creation."

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"Except 'Y' if lot area and frontage are both at least 50% greater than that otherwise required under § 218-20 or other provisions of this Bylaw."

3. Amend Article V Special Regulations by inserting a new Section 218-26.1, to read as follows:

"§ 218-26.1 Major Residential Development

"A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to assure a public voice and public authority in consideration of alternative approaches to residential developments which, because of their impacts, are of importance to the Town, as stated in Groton 2020:

Planning Directions, Groton's Comprehensive Plan.

"B. Applicability. Special permits for Major Residential Development (see definition), as required in § 218-13 Schedule of Use Regulations, shall be acted upon in accordance with the following.

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"(2) Applicants for Major Residential Development shall file with the Planning Board the following, except any which the Planning Board has waived in writing prior to application submittal, based on its determination that the waived information would not be germane to the decision, or would be unjustified in light of the scale, location, or other attributes of the proposal:

"(a) a development plan submittal as described at § 218-26.E (1), including design concept plans for both alternative approaches;

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schematically how the configuration of site grading, building design and locations, roads and drives, sidewalks and trails, wells and sewage disposal facilities, retained vegetation and new plantings, building lots and reserved open space have been shaped in relation to the qualities of the site and the concerns of the Town, reflecting consideration of site topography, geology, environmental resources, microclimate, visibility and viewsheds, access convenience and safety, and other planning considerations."

After discussion a motion was made to move the question. Motion to move carried.

Motion to amend passed unanimously

Tellers were called.

Motion as amended carried by a 2/3 vote as required. 87 in favor, 23 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded to consider articles, 20, 21 22 and 23 together.

The motion to consider carried.

. **ARTICLE 20:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way a certain private way known as Spencer Circle as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and more fully shown on a plan entitled "Spencer Circle As Built Plan, Groton Mass.," dated Dec. 19, 1996, revised Aug. 26, 1997, and prepared for Balcom Associates by Troy, Mede & Associates, Tewksbury, MA., a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

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The motions carried unanimously.

A motion was was made and seconded to consider article 24 after article 28.

The motion carried by majority.

**ARTICLE 25:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as the Board may deem prudent regarding the matter currently pending before the Land Court

known as Robert L. Boisvert and Ann E. Boisvert, Petitioners, vs. the Town of Groton, Case No. 240154, including assenting to the Petitioner's Petition, which matter is an adverse possession action involving the portion of the Boisvert's residence which encroaches on the right of way of Indian Road at Lost Lake.

The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 27:** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to re-join the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,774.00 for the first year of service.

The motion was defeated.

The decision of the chair was challenged.

The motion was defeated: 37 in favor, 92 opposed.

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The motion carried.

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**"ROADWAY BARRIERS**

No roadway barriers will be erected in the Town of Groton without the knowledge, permission and approval of the local residents, exempt of any State and Federal laws.

The motion was defeated.

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A motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely.

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A motion to postpone was made and seconded.

The motion to postpone carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

The motion carried.

The meeting was dissolved at 9:17 p.m.