

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Slim Spafford

Members present: Slim Spafford, Chair, Gina Resigno, Vice-Chair, Ruth Gaffey, Secretary

Minutes of the May 10 meeting were read and accepted with the following corrections: Elizabeth Jespersen, Ray Blake, Planning Board Liaison (Spafford/Resigno)

The Fishing Derby, and article in the Record Enterprise, were discussed

The Derby was a success with many people commenting that it is the best in the area

A thank you card was sent by the secretary to Minuteman Press for their donation of flyers for the Fishing Derby

Pam Hamel suggests we ask the Wind Farm to underwrite the cost of the fish for the Derby next year

Gina reported that Jeff Littleton has finished the NRI map with changes. The cost of the revisions will be \$250 - \$300. Slim Has a question regarding Lot 7-45 on Page 7. He believes the Green Acres Legacy property on the south side of Halls Book Rd is not shown on our NRI map. Gina will contact Jeff regarding this question.

A discussion of the Zoning districts proposed by the Citizen's Planning Committee led to a consensus of the map and districts on the map submitted by Steve Whitman. There was consensus that the map as drawn made sense and that Groton needs zoning to protect its natural resources.

Concerns raised included:

The Baker River Watershed is included in the proposed Business district. Provisions would have to be made in any development plans to protect this important watershed.

The Commission does not approve of cluster zoning within the town of Groton. Large community septic systems are to be avoided.

There was consensus on the Forestry and Conservation District: minimum lot size is recommended to be 75-100 acres and there should be a restriction on the actual size of the building lot within the 75 – 100 acres to no more than one acre.

The Commission prefers 200-foot frontage for subdivisions

Gina will talk to Pam Hamel to see if we can arrange a field trip and tour of the Wind Farm.

Gina will try to arrange for an expert to come discuss the town pond with us now that it has been affected by the October 2017 flood. This had been done in the past. Ruth raised concerns about the lack of vegetation and the sand that is washing into the pond on one side.

There was a discussion of Class VI roads in Groton. These include part of Bailey Road, Nadeau Lane, and Coolidge Woods Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.