

GROTON PLANNING BOARD
March 31, 2010

Meeting convened at 7:10 pm.

Present: Selectboard liaison Kyle Andrews, Steve Lindsey, Deborah Johnson, Celine Richer, Russ Carruth, Jennifer Burnett, Chairman Stephen Spafford
Minutes of January 27th meeting were read and approved.

First item on the agenda was to elect board chair. Steve "Slim" Spafford was nominated and re-elected, with one abstention – himself.

Next was a continuation of discussion to update Subdivision Regulations. Chair distributed copies of Gilford's Steep Slopes Regulations. Deb asked how this regulation can do what other towns need an ordinance for. Chair agreed to consult with NCC or LGC about this. After seeing that Gilford has a town slopes/elevation map, Steve L. noted that this board requires a Subdivision applicant to supply slopes map so perhaps a town-wide map is an unnecessary expense. Chair will call Gilford Planning Board Chair in hopes of clarifying language re: slope/elevation and to ask why Gilford picked 1300 feet as a determinant elevation. Clerk will call Newfound Lake Association to determine if any map is available showing elevations in Groton and to also ask if grant monies are available for us to have Steve Whitman's help.

A local citizen had questioned the Selectboard about two sentences in Planning Board minutes of June 24, 2009. Chair informed board of his conversation with LGC attorney regarding citizen's question. Members examined pertinent RSAs and determined that Groton's Subdivision Regulations are in accordance with RSA 674:41.

T-Mobile has submitted plans for adding antennas and transmitters to a pre-existing tower leased by Verizon, and for pouring a pad for an equipment shelter.

After study and discussion of the plans, Deb made a motion to approve T-Mobile's plans since plans did not require going outside the existing compound and since the facility to be constructed is only for storage, no workers were to be in residence and no significant change was going to be made to the existing facility. This was 2nd and approved unanimously. No application for site plan review is necessary. The board did discuss and acknowledge that since this was a commercial venture, T-Mobile would need to go before the ZBA.

Chair distributed copies of Hebron's Excavation Regulations and asked board members to read and mark up for discussion at next meeting. Planning Board is responsible for writing Groton's Excavation Regulations.

Groton Wind, LLC materials have been received and can be borrowed from and returned to Planning Board cupboard.

Kyle's motion to adjourn was 2nd and approved at 9:20pm

Sharon Nelson
Clerk