

GROTON PLANNING BOARD

February 28, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Present: Chair Deborah Johnson, Ray Blake, Russ Carruth, Kyle Andrews (Select Board Liaison)

Absent: Dave LaBar, Glen Hansen

The Committee waived reading of the December 27 and January 31 Minutes, and following review, the Members approved the Minutes as presented. Kyle abstained from approval of the January Minutes due to his absence at that meeting.

The Chair then shared with the Board the date of Candidates Night, March 6, 2018 @ 6:00 pm, and further shared that Dave Madden had confirmed he would be pleased to accept write-in votes for the one year PB position. The chair also shared with the Board that many other residents in the Town are qualified to hold a position on the PB and that members should feel free to write them in and encourage potential write-in candidates to attend Candidates Night.

The focus of the Board then turned to the Citizen Planning Committee (“CPC”). The Chair provided a brief update on the Open House held on February 16 and 17. Little has changed across the responses from residents of Groton between the August 2012 Workshop, the 2013 PB survey and the comments at the Open House. The revised Master Plan of 2017 truly captured resident priorities when the Board created the Vision Statement. The next steps for the PB and CPC is to identify what tools/land use planning techniques are best suited and agreeable to residents in-order to fulfill the Master Plan Vision and Town priorities. Each member of the Board should give thought to this task. The Chair then handed out to all members present a full copy of the Master Plan to enable them to consider all parts of the Plan during their individual reading and consideration of Groton’s future planning needs.

The final order of business for the evening was a review of the Meeting with the Select Board and members of the ZBA. At that February 20 meeting, the members of the Boards discussed Mr. Kuplins latest Building Permit request and it was decided, after counsel from the Towns Attorney, that the Select Board would not issue the permit because Mr. Kuplin had not properly proceeded through the planning process, i.e., ZBA application for special exception and PB Site Plan Review. A letter from the Selectman to Mr. Kuplin will address the denial and reasons therefore.

Adjournment of the Meeting was at 8:00 pm by unanimous vote.

Submitted,

Deborah B Johnson