

25 August 2021

Groton Planning Board Meeting

Members Present: Deb Johnson, Ray Blake, Kristina Madden, Dave LaBar, David Madden, John Rescigno, Russ Carruth

Members Absent: None

Applicants Present: None

Meeting Open: 6:58 P.M.

Members review last meeting's minutes. Kristina motions to approve the minutes as presented, David Madden seconds this motion with Deb and Ray in favor, Dave LaBar, Russ and John abstain.

Members discuss an email the board received asking if the town had any interest in someone buying property in town and building a small campground type resort. A proposal like this would likely overwhelm our small town and it's public services. Without any zoning, a proposal like this could be passed. Our current zoning has no definitions and the criteria it does have would deny us the option to tax a business like this in a way that would benefit the town.

Deb contacted our municipal lawyer with some questions regarding ADU's and provided the board with a copy of the communications to review. Since the town of Groton does not have any zoning that relates to ADU's, we can not deny any demands on a building permit brought forward to us.

Do we need to pursue another zoning proposal to the town? Members feel we need minimal zoning in Groton. The ordinance should cover the districts and detached ADU's. The ordinances can be voted on in separate ballots. Deb is going to draft a small proposal for us to discuss at the next meeting.

As a board, all members excluding Russ agree that it is time to work toward proposing minimal zoning in the Town of Groton at the next town meeting.

On 9/7 at 6:00 PM, PB will sit in on the Select Board Meeting to review PB regulations. Deb is going to comment on behalf of the board due to lack of quorum.

No further business to be discussed.

Kristina makes a motion to close the meeting at 8:06 PM, John seconds this motion with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Kristina Madden