

**Town of Groton Zoning Board
754 North Groton Road
Groton, NH 03241**

Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2016

The Groton Zoning Board convened at 7:08 PM. Members in attendance were Frank Grelle, Chuck Stata, Nancy Watson and Mark Watson.

Glen Hansen and alternate member Otto Jespersen were absent.

Minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Chuck motioned to accept the minutes as written. Mark seconded. The vote passed Yes - 3, No - 0, Absent - 1. Frank abstained due to his absence at the April 18th meeting.

Old Business

Mark reviewed the write-up of the Notice of Decision for Madden Auto Service, LLC. Board members need to sign the document. Mark will provide a copy to the Maddens, the Planning Board and Sara. He will also file a copy in the Zoning Board notebook in the town office.

Chuck picked up the Zoning Board handbook in Concord. The town will be invoiced. The handbook will be stored in the Zoning Board cabinet for member use.

Chuck, Nancy and Mark are scheduled to attend the Zoning Board/Planning Board conference in Concord on June 4th. Chuck suggested attending the Hazard Mitigation Conference would be beneficial to Zoning Board members. The conference is scheduled for June 9th in Manchester and it is free of charge.

Updates to the Historic By-Way designation for Province Road were provided. Nancy is still attempting to track down the book about the history of the Dartmouth College Road. She conversed with Pam Hamel from the Historical Society. Pam suggested working with the NH Preservation Alliance. Chuck will visit the state library to find any helpful background information about the road. A subcommittee should be formed by the Select Board to pursue the designation, as this is beyond the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board.

Amendments to the current zoning must wait until the Master Plan is updated. The Zoning Board can make recommendations. The formation of a committee composed of residents has been suggested. Chuck has some ideas reflecting Groton's character as a town dependant on regional services. Good roads are important. He is also concerned about residential density.

New Business

The Planning Board requested the Zoning Board split the expense of a town-wide mailing to publicize the June 13th NLRA/Master Plan meeting/hearing. There is some concern that Groton is in the North Country Council for Planning and NLRA is in the Lakes Region Council and their plans differ. It was suggested the North Country Council should be invited to attend the meeting. The Zoning Board's budget was reviewed for available funds. Chuck motioned the Zoning Board allocate to the Planning Board 10% of their budget (minus the legal line item). Nancy seconded and the vote passed Yes - 4, No - 0, Absent - 1.

The date for the next meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Frank motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Mark seconded. The motion passed Yes - 4, No - 0, Absent - 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Watson
Groton Zoning Board Secretary
May 17, 2016