

TOWN OF GROTON PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting - Thursday, 19 January 2006 - 7:30 PM
Town Hall – 101 Conger Boulevard – Groton, NY

Members, Groton Planning Board

Monica Carey, Acting Chairperson
Barbara Clark
Mark Baxendell
Brad Albro
Mary K. Gloster
Janice Haines
Edward Neuhauser

(*Absent)

Others Present

Joan Fitch, Recording Secretary
Gary Coats, Town CEO
Glenn Morey, Town Supervisor

Applicants & Public in Attendance

Donald Kirby Nichol, Applicant; Heather Nichol.

**Acting Chairperson Monica Carey opened the Regular Meeting
of the Town of Groton Planning Board at 7:25 p.m.**

(Note: The Chair/Acting Chair only votes to break a tie, or as required for a quorum.)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Donald Kirby Nichol, Applicant/RO – 589 Salt Road – TM #27.-1-13 – Site Plan Review – Proposed Woodworking Shop in Home

Acting Chair Carey recognized the applicant who explained that he was seeking Site Plan Approval to open a small woodworking business in his home. Mr. Nichol brought samples of his product, custom-made cutting boards of an extremely high quality. He stated that there would be no showroom, retail sales, or employees. Noise would be inside the shop. His product line would be sold over the Internet or through distributors. Mr. Nichol personally purchased raw materials locally for these boards in small quantities and brought it back, so there would be no lumber deliveries; the wood was stored within his shop. Orders were received online, filled, and shipped. There would be no increase in traffic in the area, except for perhaps a weekly UPS truck to pick up orders for shipping, if needed.

CEO Gary Coats advised that no Building Permit was required, only Planning Board approval.

Acting Chair Carey acknowledged that “under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(10), (12) or (13) of the State Environmental Quality Review Law, the proposed action is a Type II action and is determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, or is otherwise precluded from environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8.”

A motion was made by Member Mary Gloster to approve the Preliminary Site Plan, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Barbara Clark, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes:	Member Albro	Nays:	None
	Member Baxendell		
	Member Clark		
	Member Gloster		
	Member Haines		
	Member Neuhauser		

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #1 of 2006.

With no further discussion, a motion was then made by Member Mark Baxendell to set a Public Hearing on this matter for 16 February 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Brad Albro, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Member Albro
Member Baxendell
Member Clark
Member Gloster
Member Haines
Member Neuhauser
Nays: None

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #2 of 2006.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Selection of (T) Groton Planning Board Chairperson

A motion was made by Member Mary Gloster to select Monica Carey as Chairperson for 2006. The motion was seconded by Member Ed Neuhauser, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Member Albro
Member Baxendell
Member Clark
Member Gloster
Member Haines
Member Neuhauser
Nays: None

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #3 of 2006.

Selection of (T) Groton Planning Board Vice-Chairperson

A motion was made by Member Barbara Clark to select Mary Gloster as Vice-Chairperson for 2006. The motion was seconded by Member Brad Albro, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Member Albro
Member Baxendell
Member Clark
Member Gloster
Member Haines
Member Neuhauser
Nays: None

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #4 of 2006.

Selection of (T) Groton Planning Board Meeting Day & Time

A motion was made by Member Albro to hold the Planning Board meetings for 2006 on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Clark, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Member Albro
Member Baxendell
Member Clark
Member Gloster
Member Haines
Member Neuhauser
Nays: None

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #5 of 2006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Clark to approve the 20 October 2005 Minutes, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Janice Haines, with the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Member Albro	Nays: None
Member Baxendell	
Member Clark	
Member Gloster	
Member Haines	
Member Neuhauser	

Motion carried.

This becomes Action #6 of 2006.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Town Supervisor Glenn Morey advised the Board members that they had all been reappointed for 2006. He also informed the Board that two committees had been created by the Town Board: a Zoning & Building Review Committee, and an Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- CEO Coats reported that there are three houses in various states of construction on Clark Street Extension, and there will be lots of construction this summer. He also stated that Town residents are aware of the regulations and appear to be adhering to them. CEO Coats continues with the Fire Safety Inspections everyday, and also that the Town's Code Enforcement Files are being updated and archived.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Member Albro to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Clark, with all members present voting in favor.

Joan E. Fitch, Board Secretary

Emailed to Town Clerk, Chair Carey &
Board Members Gloster, Clark, & Neuhauser on 1/19/06.
Originals mailed w/tape.