

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Goulet, Rafferty, Munn, Bogue
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 5, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 5, 2012.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Trails Coordinating Task Force

The Commission reviewed information provided by the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the role of the Task Force. Rafferty noted that he is representing another organization on the Task Force. Goulet agreed to be the Commission's representative.

2. Election of Officers

MOTION: To nominate and elect Rafferty as Chairman, Bogue as Vice Chairman and Munn as Secretary.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

MOTION: To add Open Space Map to the agenda.

Motion by Rafferty, seconded by Munn, so voted unanimously.

3. Open Space Map

Rafferty reviewed the provisions of Public Act 490 regarding reduced assessments for various land uses. He noted that Groton does not allow a reduced assessment for open space and noted that the Planning Commission must adopt an Open Space Map in order to allow for property to be classified as open space. The Commission noted that many properties may already be classified as forest or farm land and that adding an open space classification may not add many properties to those with reduced assessments. Staff will prepare a map showing the properties currently classified as farm or forest for the next meeting.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – None.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff noted that Mark Barry, the new Director of Parks and Recreation will attend the February meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Gail Munn, Secretary
Conservation Commission

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