

Town of Groveland
Planning Board
Meeting – May 29, 2012

Planning Board members present: Chairman Randy Clymo, Kathy Gurak, Seth Burnette, Mitje Rasche and Roxanne Adamson, Alt. Absent: Ted Miskell and Dan Rossborough.

Also present: CEO Ron Maxwell

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Review of the 4/23/2012 Planning Board meeting minutes. Motion by Kathy Gurak to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Roxanne Adamson. All in favor.

CEO Report: Ron updated the committee on a situation in Groveland Station involving dogs living in a house in the absence of a full time caregiver on the premises. He reported that a court appearance ticket had been delivered. He discussed a house being built on Logan Road-awaiting a septic permit. Additionally, Ron brought the committee up to date on two issues on the lake: one a house undergoing tear-down and re-build, and another on a dock dispute which was a sensitive issue.

Old Business: Short discussion on the Spring Local Government Workshop meeting. Attendees included Kathy Gurak, Dan Rossborough, and Mitje Rasche. Overall good information, but it was recommended that the first session be expanded in the future. Some information was rushed to finish in time.

Hydrofracking: Kathy asked for clarification on the committee that is researching the hydrofracking-specifically are we going to be able to make some decisions before land and mineral rights are sold in a majority.

Ensuing conversation on the Salt mine and its mineral rights-how extensive? What if they decide that hydrofracking is a good idea-can they use eminent domain to get “the ball rolling?”

Mitje discussed the legal terminology that attorneys would need to come up with regarding large scale industry. Discussion on how the salt mine already is large scale and how that could impact any future action by the town.

Mitje brought up the information she found on puppy mills and a short discussion followed. This item was tabled for next month as it was quite late.

Seth Burnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM, seconded by Roxanne Adamson. All in favor.

Submitted by,
Kathy Gurak
Substitute Secretary