



# Town of Griswold



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**GRISWOLD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 29, 2005**

**GRISWOLD TOWN HALL**

**I. SPECIAL MEETING (7:00 P.M.)**

**1. Call to order:**

G. Rooke-Norman, Vice Chair called the special meeting of the Griswold Planning and Zoning commission in regard to the Plan of Conservation and Development to order at 7:14 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Gail Rooke-Norman, Vice Chair, Member Daniel DeGuire, and Alternate Anne Hatfield, Town Planner Demian Sorrentino, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Also present were Selectmen, Paul Brycki, Bill Stetson and Virginia Hoddy

**Absent:** Clyde Seaman, Roland Harris, Philip Anthony, Martin McKinney, ZEO Peter Zvingilas,

**3. Determination of Quorum:**

There is a quorum for this meeting.

**4. Workshop:**

The Griswold Planning & Zoning Commission will convene to discuss and work on the Griswold Plan of Conservation and Development update.

G. Rooke-Norman turned over the workshop to Town Planner Demian Sorrentino. D. Sorrentino stated that there were several sections completed. He stated that the selectmen are present to give their recommendations to the Plan.

G. Rooke-Norman asked which sections were completed. D. Sorrentino gave a list of the completed section; he also listed those sections that were nearly complete. There was discussion of this matter.

Natural and Cultural Resources was discussed that included the water resources, biodiversity index, steep slope information as well as a map to be created for historical site and photos of the

historical homes. G. Rooke-Norman suggested sending letters to the owners of historical properties to incorporate pictures of their homes in the Plan of Development.

Land use was discussed at length. D. Sorrentino stated this section would require categorizing from the prior calculations for the developed properties. G. Rooke-Norman stated that land use did not always correspond with the zoning. There was discussion of this matter including searching through the assessor's database. A. Hatfield suggested using Plan-o-metrics for land use. She stated that there should be a cost schedule. D. Sorrentino stated that he would check into Plan-o-metrics fees. There was further discussion of land use. D. Sorrentino showed the Commission members an updated color-coded zoning map that included all the roads for use. There was lengthy discussion of this matter that incorporated correcting zoning anomalies throughout the town including zoning of state-owned property.

G. Rooke-Norman asked to have Section 4 copied and sent to the Commission members and the alternates for the September meeting. D. Sorrentino stated that he would do that.

D. Sorrentino stated that Virginia Hoddy had some recommendations and additions to the Plan of Development. V. Hoddy stated that she had reviewed the 1998 plan of development and she presented her recommendations to the Commission including marketing tools, Main Street façade improvements and façade cohesiveness, number of subdivisions, plan of action zoning changes, a river walk, sidewalks, expanding the library. There was discussion of these matters.

Goals and Recommendations were discussed including an implementation schedule involving all the commissions to rank the items according to importance.

Open Space and Recreation was discussed including state preserved farmland

D. Sorrentino stated that the website has been upgraded and is a good marketing tool. G. Rooke-Norman stated that there should be brochures and other marketing tools. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman asked if an economic development coordinator was one of the recommendations. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman suggested having the Commission member's input on the plan of any specific section. D. DeGuire stated that he wanted to have the stone walls preserved as one of the goals. There was discussion of this matter including a photographic history of the stone walls currently existing.

G. Rooke-Norman asked A. Hatfield for her comments. A. Hatfield explained that the Plan of Development should be the marketing tool, and to prioritize what is most important since it shows where the town is going, where it is now, and where it has already been. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman asked for questions on Transportation. P. Brycki stated that there is a need for public transportation and the town is working with the Northeast and the Southeast to link it together. There was discussion of this matter.

A. Hatfield stated that the Plan of Development should be discussed at a regular meeting with all the members present to address their recommendations. There was discussion of this matter including setting the public hearing.

G. Rooke-Norman suggested sending the completed sections to the Commission members. There was discussion of this matter including the time frame for a public hearing.

G. Rooke-Norman stated that she had a recommendation for the watershed issue. She wanted to set a goal of action between the Northeast and the Southeast as a priority to protect the watershed. She suggested contacting the Attorney General if necessary. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman asked if there were any other comments by the Commission. She asked Bill Stetson for his comments or questions.

B. Stetson stated that he a questions regarding Transportation regarding wording on the acceptance of streets. He stated that the Town meeting accepts the streets. There was discussion of this matter. B. Stetson stated that he would like to have more time to review the plan. He stated that there was an outstanding job done on the preparation of this plan. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman asked for other comments.

D. Sorrentino stated that the vista preservation properties should remain in the town. He stated that Phil Anthony is taking the photos of the important vistas in Griswold. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman asked for other comments or questions. She asked D. Sorrentino if the sections were covered. D. Sorrentino stated yes and the sections will be sent to the other members. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Rooke-Norman suggested setting the agenda for the meeting to talk about the sections. There was discussion of this matter inviting IW&WCC and ZBA to this meeting

## **5. Adjournment**

G. Rooke-Norman stated that it was 8:41 p.m. and asked for a motion to adjourn. A. Hatfield made a motion to adjourn. D. DeGuire seconded the motion. G. Rooke-Norman stated that a motion has been made and seconded; she asked for a vote. All were in favor. Motion was passed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary