The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tom Grabiek, Chairman.

Present were Tom Grabiek, John Bagley, David Coursey and Brian Flynn, Cheryl Lewis and Kathy Wallace. Absent was Carl Spring. Also present for civic class observation was Andrew Buttolph, a sophomore at Plymouth Regional High School and his father Jim Buttolph.

The Minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

1. Groton Planning Board had sent a notice for a meeting being held on Wednesday night regarding the communication antennas on Tenney Mtn. The Board did not feel a need to attend this meeting.

2. Letters were received from R. Bryson and N. Hendsey. The Hendsey letter has been answered and the Bryson letter will be acknowledged.

3. A notice received from the State of NH – DES regarding a new dock encroaching on an abutter’s property and lacking a permit was received. This was reviewed by the Chair and Clerk with no findings as the docks had been pulled from the water for the winter.

4. Groton Wind Farm – A construction schedule was received and reviewed as well as contact information for the project.

5. Tax Map #12-01-05 – Kyle Matzke presented a lot layout for his plans to create a base of operations for rock climbers. The lot is 2.7 acres with two entrances off Buffalo Road (the Calm Post entrance is co-owned with the lot line in the center of the roadway). This entrance also provides access to the upper level of the lot where cabins are proposed to be built as well as tent sites. There is potential parking for 24 vehicles (guests only) with a small lot to the left of the main driveway and a larger lot to the right. At this time it is his intent to have electric in the bunk house and the cabins. D. Coursey reminded him there are safety issues which change with the added electric usage and to be in touch with the Fire Department before he proceeds. John Bagley noted the parking was the Board’s primary concern and made a motion we approve his parking plan. This was seconded by Brian Flynn and approved by the Board.

6. Tax Map #12-4-15 – W. Leggett contacted the Board that he was going forward with the purchase of the Salem property. He is working with Bruce Barnard to resolve the septic issues. Dave Coursey stated he was hiring an engineering firm to lay out the sprinkler system for the assisted living requirements.

7. Cheryl Lewis reported on the Selectman’s issue with the Rte 25 rest area. An agreement was received from the State of NH and was too restrictive for the town to accept. The area was mowed and cleaned up by GC inmates and will be closed off. The state’s cost figures for maintaining the area were high and the liability to the town too great to try and take over the rest area.

8. A sample draft of the Master Plan was received from Tara Bamford, NCC for the Board to review and determine if she was working on it as they wanted. It will be read and all comments should be
directed to the Chair or the Clerk by Monday, October 31. A meeting with Tara will be held on November 15, 2011 at 7 pm at the town office.

9. Driveway updates – Final permits have been sent to Hawthorne Village and USFS, but not returned. The Chair will send letters with reminders to submit the form.

10. The Chair noted that since the recent flooding from hurricane Irene the federal flood maps are again being updated. This will have an effect on many people when they sell or try to build on their property only to find it has been “moved” on to a flood plain. He questioned again if the town should not be looking to join NFIP to enable the residents to purchase flood insurance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted

Diana Kindell, Clerk