

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
PLANNING BOARD AGENDA
Weds., March 4, 2020
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room
10 Station Square
Groveton, NH
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: James Weagle Jeffrey St. Cyr, Gloria Brisson-Covell, Board Chair, Al Rossetto,
Others Present: Elaine Gray, Clerk, Recorder.

1. MINUTES of February 5, 2020 Meeting Jim makes motion to approve and sign the minutes from last meeting, Al seconds, all in favor, 4-0.

2. Letter of Interest – Planning Board Member A letter received from Ryan Shannon expressing an interest in the filling a position on the planning/zoning board. Motion made by Jim to recommend the Board of Selectmen to appoint Ryan Shannon as a Planning Board member. Al seconds, all in favor, 4-0. Al brings up that there is a bill pending which would not allow the same person to serve on both Planning and Zoning Boards at the same time. Fortunately, it has not passed as it may be harmful to small towns where there are not enough people interested in serving on a board. Jesse Hern has expressed he would like to remain an alternate due to his job commitment.

3. Town Master Plan - Discussion of Plans to Update Any plans to update the Town Master Plan have been postponed until 2021. Al brings up a good point that we would need to get information from the Census that is starting, and that will help with giving us input as to what areas of town are most critically in need of updating. Jim will check out Lancaster and Jefferson's town surveys in order to model the town's survey.

Al mentions that he has the 2019 edition of Planning Board guide to land use regulations and will lend to those Planning Board members who are interested in reading it.

Al asks if the town attorney will be coming this year to give us legal updates. Jim replies yes.

4. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board-

**a.) Announcement-Don't forget to vote Tues., March 10th
(Polls are open 11:00 to 7:00)**

Note: Ryan Shannon to appear at next meeting to be sworn in as a member.

b.) Letter to Editor – Gloria Brisson-Covell

Discussion on Gloria’s letter to the Democrat. Originally Terra Giles would not print it so Gloria revised and it appeared in this week’s paper. The letter was in regards to the proposed zoning amendment that will be at the booth on voting day. This is to rectify the confusion around timber management zones. It has long been assumed that a single family residence built on forested tracts automatically qualify for a change of use by virtue of an approved subdivision plan. Allowing a classification shift of such properties to residential low density zoning requires your approval of amendments to the special exceptions clause in Section 3.5 of the zoning ordinance. This approval would save tons of paperwork and legal costs.

c.) Thank you card and gift certificate

A Thank You card and a gift certificate were given to Jeffrey St. Cyr to thank him for his service to the Planning Board and well wishes for his future endeavors.

d.) Adjournment Motion made by Jim to adjourn at 7:20pm, seconded by Al, all in favor, 4-0.

Next meeting, April 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Planning Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Northumberland Planning Board Members on _____