

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES (Draft)  
Weds., March 17, 2021  
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room  
10 Station Square  
Groveton, NH  
7:00 P.M.**

**\*Gov. Sununu has issued an executive order requiring persons to wear masks or cloth face coverings when in public spaces without physical distancing\***

**Planning Board Members Present:** Al Rossetto, Chairman, Jim Weagle, Ryan Shannon, Nicole Canavan

**Others Present:** Elaine Gray, Clerk

**1. MINUTES of February 3, 2021 Meeting** Al Rossetto opens the meeting at 7pm and asks for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion by Jim to accept minutes, second by Ryan, all in favor, 4-0.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: Withdrawn**

<b>FILE # P21-01: Quasarwave NH LLC is seeking a Minor Subdivision into 2 parcels for their 2.67 acre parcel located at 156 Mechanic St. The parcel is Map 107 Lot 15, and is zoned Heavy Industrial.</b>
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Elaine: withdrawn today March 17, 2021

**3. Letter of Support – Covered Bridge Renovation Project**

Al reads the letter to be submitted to the NH Dept of Transportation.

Al: This will get us in the que so that maybe we will get some money. Not sure what the renovations will entail.

Ryan asks what the covered bridge needs for work. Is it structurally sound?

Jim: It is structurally sound, has a few repairs to make and has to be painted. Currently this can not be painted in place because of the water.

Nicole asks why it cannot be painted in place.

Jim goes on to explain that it is because of lead paint. In speaking with Robin the plan is to get cranes to pick it up and put it on land.

More questions on why it has to be moved, why it can't be painted in place, why can't we remove boards and replace, will it hold up to moving?

Jim answers that it has be taken away from the water because of the lead paint. It cannot be painted over because there is too much deterioration of the paint that may come off after painting over.

Removing boards still puts the risk of lead paint in the water. The cost to tent alone will be over a million dollars because of the lead paint removal over water, that does not include anything else. It would be much more expensive if someone reported us to DES because we are doing something to the bridge over water. Not sure if the bridge will hold up to moving.

Discussion on which side or both of the bridge to move.

Elaine asks why Robin hired Southworth.

Jim explains that was for the gables which are already done.

**4. Letter of Support – for Public Safety Building 2022 Funding -NBRC Grant** Has been tabled until April meeting.

**5. Merger of Lots – Kalie Savage – Map 104 - Lots 251 & 252 - High St.**

Al reads that this is two 100' x 50' lots to be merged into one approximately 100' x 100' lot. The reason for the merger is that they are being charged for 2 water connections for the 2 lots.

Elaine: there used to be a mobile home on it but that was removed years ago.

Al asks if Reggie would be responsible for capping off the connection.

Jim says it is already capped off.

Al says this is a reasonable request, all the paperwork seems in order, can I have a motion to merge the lots.

Jim has a question for Elaine, is the USDA the mortgage holder?

Elaine replies yes and both lots were purchased on one deed, USDA ok with this.

Al says he thought he remembered seeing the release by USDA.

Jim just wanted to clarify things.

Al again asks for motion to merge. Ryan makes motion to allow merger of lots, Nicole seconds.

Nicole has a general question, can anyone hook up to that connection or is it at its capacity?

Jim: Northumberland Village is at capacity, Groveton is not.

Al says ok, seconded, all in favor, 4-0.  
Al asks about paperwork and registering.  
Elaine says she has already received the fee.

**6. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board**

Al announces that there are 2 letters of interest to come onto the Planning Board. One is Mario Audit and the other is Ted Caouette.

Discussion on backgrounds on both candidates.

Jim says that Mario would be first choice for full time position and Ted would be an alternate.

Al says that is the way he would do it because Mario put his name in first. So with that can I have a motion to recommend to the Select Board that Mario would fill the full time position and Ted would be an alternate? Ryan makes motion, Nicole seconds, all in favor, 4-0.

Any other business to come before the Board – there is none.

Al asks for motion to adjourn at 7:21pm. Jim makes motion, Nicole seconds, all in favor 4-0.

Next meeting, April 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Northumberland Planning Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Northumberland Planning Board Members on \_\_\_\_\_

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Al Rossetto  
Northumberland Planning Board Chairman

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Nicole Canavan  
Northumberland Planning Board Member

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Jim Weagle  
Northumberland Planning Board Member

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Ryan Shannon  
Northumberland Planning Board Member