

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
Weds., July 12, 2023  
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room  
10 Station Square  
Groveton, NH  
6:00 P.M.**

**POSTPONED FROM JULY 5, 2023**

Board members present: Al Rossetto, Sean Durkin, Jim Weagle  
Others present: Liz Ball, Rebecca St Cyr – Minute Taker

**1. MINUTES of the June 7, 2023 Meeting**

Motion to approve by: S. Durkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

**2. Master Plan Discussion –**

J. Weagle continues to work on pulling all the answers from the survey together. Suggested that he use the 5 top responses for assets. There has been a mix of a lot of different items. With the questions that were multiple choice, Jim will use those that are - very important, important, and somewhat important. He isn't going to use not important; it doesn't add anything.

Nicole Canavan is gone on vacation; she will be back next month.

Tammy Letson brought up that we need to include verbiage for a "Capital Improvement Plan" as part of the Master Plan. We tried several years ago, and it was unsuccessful; some of the departments didn't want to help. According to Tammy is really needs to be in the Master Plan. A. Rossetto said it's not a binding plan, its looking forward so that major expenditures are planned for. S. Durkin asked if this is for improvement to see if the Town is willing to put money into to prospects or improvements to buildings or property for maintenance reasons. J. Weagle explained it, for example to get a new police cruiser. Sean asked for example, the sidewalks or improving Main St. A. Rossetto commented that Capital Improvement is for assets, equipment, etc. For expenditures over \$50,000; that are planned for so the cost can be spread over several years. It should include items for improvement of the Town. Al thought it should include areas that the Town needs to invest in for economic development and growth.

Next month when everyone is here, we should start going through the questions and answers from the survey's. He feels we should be looking at the top 5. J. Weagle said that #1 was to attract new industries. There was a community power presentation at the Select Board meeting recently. If the Town decides to go with it, they were talking about possibly a 50% reduction for the cost of the power. There would be an opt out for residents that don't want to take advantage of it. Basically, Q Hydrogen is talking about the same. There will be a committee established to research and look at the proposals, reviewing the contracts and is it something that we should bring forward to Town Meeting. There will be 9 members on the committee, which will include one Selectman as the Chairman. All resident meters would be signed up; the resident would need to opt out if not interested. Everyone would get the reduced rate. The companies will not do net metering.

S. Durkin would like to be on the committee to learn more about it. A. Rossetto suggested he attend the next Select Board meeting on 07/17.

### **3. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board**

There was no other business discussed.

Motion to adjourn by: J. Weagle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: S. Durkin, All in Favor 3-0

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

X  
Al Rossetto  
Northumberland Planning Board Chair

X  
Sean Durkin  
Northumberland Planning Board Member

X  
Ryan Shannon  
Northumberland Planning Board Member

X  
Nicole Canavan  
Northumberland Planning Board Member

X  
Jim Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board Rep

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