

TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Weds., June 7, 2023
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room
10 Station Square
Groveton, NH
6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Al Rossetto, Jim Weagle, Nicole Canavan, Ryan Shannon
Others: Liz Ball, Rebecca St Cyr-Minute Taker

A. Rossetto opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. MINUTES of the May 3, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the May 3rd meeting minutes by: J. Weagle
2nd by: N. Canavan, All in Favor 3-0

2. Lot Merger – EDM 2023 Trust – Lost Nation Rd

This is a larger piece of property with a small lot in front of it, the owner is requesting the merger.

Motion for approve the Lot Merger – EMC 2023 Trust by: J. Weagle
2nd by: N. Canavan, All in Favor 3-0

3. Master Plan Discussion - Tallies

J. Weagle reviewed the result of the survey's received –

Ages:

5 – 21 – 34

12 – 35 – 44

27 – 45 – 64

50 – 65 and older

1 had no age, 1 wasn't filled out properly.

General issues:

32 - increased recreational opportunities.

1 – increased availability of water services (Hill).

2 – Hill, did specify other location

22 – Create elderly housing

36 – Create affordable housing

17 – Increase parking – locations: schools, anywhere, everywhere and ball fields.

55 – Downtown revitalization

27 – Preserve agricultural land and open space

57 – Attract new retail or office development
76 – Attract new industries and businesses
38 – Improve road quality and traffic control
7 – Encourage residential growth to be clustered.
34 – Protect drinking water and quality
11 – Other: Improve PD, find solutions to lower taxes, clean up junk yards, sidewalk replacement, improve Police and Fire info on Town services and laws, plan to eliminate carbon footprint for complete town operation, clean up and fix all sidewalks, defund PD, and start over; our PD is an embarrassment.

N. Canavan said some of the sidewalk issue is approved and in process. J. Weagle said some of the sidewalks yes; but the way it's going the money will be eaten up quickly. A. Rossetto asked about the grant; Jim said it's for around the high school down to the elementary school. The infrastructure under the sidewalks is good, it's the roads mostly. Jim further discussed. There will be someone here to survey the area on the 12th – 13th watching the flow.

Jim is working diligently on the Master Plan; Al thanked him for his work.

4. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board

Nicole connected with Alex, she will be sending her some info on the mill, and they authorized her to go forth and talk about it to get someone here. Al said that's good news. They pulled back their national ad due to the Co-Gen; is there any further info on it? Liz said she reached out to Courtney multiple times but hasn't gotten anything. J. Weagle understands there are permitting issues. Al understands they had to have an air quality test, and it had to be done in Utah. He will be talking to Courtney this week; after speaking with her briefly; they are ready to turn it on. The Board further discussed.

Liz said Fernando advised the apartments will be done this weekend. The building inspector will need to make a visit next week. J. Weagle asked if we have heard anything on the sprinklers – Liz hasn't heard. J. Weagle said he called the State; any more than 2 units, if not already existing, need a sprinkler system. Further discussed the sprinkler system requirements. J. Weagle said we were trying to find out.

Nicole talked with the Economic Development officer in Claremont. She had said there is a fund at the State level that could help fund systems. It might be something that could be applied for. Al discussed the cost of the pipe; the extra costs will increase the cost of the rent.

Nicole bought 24 Rich St. and is the lot behind her last year. She has been trying to get it surveyed, she has contacted a couple of surveyors and they have said the tax map isn't correct. The pin for her line is in the driveway of the neighbor's. It might need lot line adjustments. She will need to contact the Select Board for lot line adjustments. Discussed surveyors she contacted and the Board suggested Art York from Milan or Mark Vanderhaven. Liz has the contact info and will email it to her. Liz said we can't correct w/o a survey. N. Canavan said it might go back to when the town owned it.

Al suggested she could go to the Meeting House to review an old map; N. Canavan said the house was built in 1886. Liz said if you have names of previous owners, she can do some research as well. Liz mentioned Don Doolan has retired, she had called him for an issue last year; he had an old survey that was needed. Al said he is done and got rid of everything.

Ryan Shannon came in late; he asked about the survey tallies. J. Weagle reviewed the totals received. We didn't receive anything from the school. Ryan said spoke with Erin about the whole thing; Jim said the last answer he got was they couldn't figure out where they went. He's been working on the tallies and should have it done for the next meeting.

The Board reviewed what had been discussed that Ryan missed.

Discussion ensued re: Beno Lamontagne; Ryan said he has a network that is humongous. He has done a lot for economic development in the area.

No further business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by: N. Canavan
2nd by: R. Shannon, All in Favor 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

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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