

TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Weds., October 4, 2023

Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room

10 Station Square

Groveton, NH

6:00 P.M.

Board Members present: Al Rossetto, Jim Weagle, Ryan Shannon,
Nicole Canavan

Others: Liz Ball, Rebecca St Cyr – Minute Taker

1. MINUTES of the September 6, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: N. Canavan, All in favor 3-0

2. Master Plan Discussion -

Al said that everyone was sent the synopsis (survey results) from Sean, he did a great job and is available by phone if there are any questions. Al asked Jim and Ryan to look at the Master Plan and pick 5 questions from the surveys and write up a determination of what's important to the citizens and the Town should focus on them in the future. They also need to prioritize them. He would like this back at the next meeting. He asked them to send their determinations to Liz as they get it done and then she can be sent out to everyone to review.

We have the survey info; Nicole has been working on the census data, she has it all except the employment info, building permit info and she hasn't done the traffic info yet. She didn't know if she had to rewrite the whole thing. Al suggested getting the data together and we will help you interpret it. Nicole further discussed and handed out copies of the tables she has put together on the historic data. Al discussed and would like to have it done around the end of this year or first on next year.

J. Weagle said when re-did the Master Plan, we asked North Country Council for some help, but it was going to cost \$200,000+. Al said we need to have it so the Town can meet the requirements for grants, etc.

The next meeting is the first Wednesday in November, Nicole isn't available on the 1st. The Board rescheduled the next meeting for November 8th.

Al asked Ryan and Jim to get their info together before October 15th. Liz has sent the pieces of the Master Plan to the Department Heads and the majority of them have sent them back. J. Weagle asked about the schools, Liz said she hasn't received theirs. Jim will contact Heather about it.

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Tammy will be putting together something on a Capital Improvement Plan explaining why we need one. In November and December, we will cut and paste, by January we should have something for the Board to vote on.

In the past, we had one but some of the departments wouldn't participate. Al said we tried but the Precinct and the School Board didn't come. Al said he's researched it and it's the Planning Boards job to do this.

Ryan discussed a Capital Improvement Plan and how it should be structured. Al said we currently don't have a Capital Improvement Plan. If we have one, the Planning Board does it. Ryan said we can't just keep holding off, we need to get this done. Ryan asked why we can't have the Dept Heads attend the next meeting to get it done. J. Weagle said we would have to pay them, unless they volunteered to come in.

Ryan – there is more to the Planning Board than just the Master Plan. Al reiterated that we need to finish the Master Plan before starting another project.

Nicole – Section 4 – Housing costs, she doesn't understand Table 4, she reviewed the table with information from 2014. J. Weagle said in 2014 we have several tax sale properties that dropped the value down. The Board further discussed the information, property re-valuations, tax rates, property sales values, etc. Nicole will revamp that section.

Discussed the re-evaluations and the property tax increases.

3. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board

No other business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by: N. Canavan, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 4-00

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.