

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
PLANNING BOARD Minutes
Weds., January 10, 2024
Town Office – Conference Room
19 Main St
Groveton, NH
6:00 P.M.**

NOTE DATE & LOCATION CHANGE

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

Al Rossetto opened the meeting at 6:02 pm.

1. MINUTES of the December 6, 2023, Meeting

Motion to approve the December 6, 2023, minutes by: J. Weagle
2nd by: S. Durkin, All in Favor 4-0

2. Lot Merger – Hunter & Kathryn Savage

It's a .15-acre piece of land that comes off the back corner of their property. The abutters didn't need to be notified. They own both lots and want them merged together to have one bill and make it simpler for the mortgage company. The lot isn't buildable for a home, it's big enough for a shed.

Motion to approve the Lot Merger by: N. Canavan
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 4-0

3. Master Plan Discussion

Everyone has been working diligently to get the Master Plan updated. The Board continued with their review of each section. Liz said the QWI's that she talked about, she found. Table 310. Jim went through and entered the numbers. Quarterly QWI's was the info that Nicole couldn't find. It will be updated from 2014 – 2022. Nicole and Liz are working on this information. Al – Table 311 – this was going to be updated based on taking out 2023, which was decided at the last meeting.

Commuting – Jim said that needs to be in there for grants. Nicole will get the numbers. Liz noted there needs to be additional information added. Al has contacted someone at DOT to

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get the info. Liz asked if we should move this to Traffic? Jim and Nicole agreed it should be for traveling to work and not traffic.

Liz is working on the list for Town maintained roads. Sean asked if would be easier to update just the private roads. He asked if there is a list of the private roads? Liz will get him a copy.

Talked about updating conflicting or missing streets. Odell Park, York St., Brookside Ave. is now Roaring Brook. The Board further reviewed the streets; Liz will make the corrections as needed.

Private Roads would be separate, or do they need to be in there at all, Al commented they don't do anything for the plan. If it's voted at Town Meeting to change a private road to a Town owned road then it would be moved to the Town Maintained Roads. Al suggested dropping the Municipal from the airports.

Rail - Jim noted that it's still owned by SLR and the State; it's leased. Recommended taking out the section on the railroad in Whitefield. Al suggested updating the section to include the things that are currently going on with the railroad.

Motor Carrier Service - Federal Express in St. Johnsbury and Fed Ex ground and home delivery - Littleton, UPS is in Carroll.

Bus - Tri County Cap – is ok.

Taxi – Daves Taxi, Littleton, Riders with Rob – Berlin, Uber – services in the area town's service Groveton, Taverase – Medical transport to Dr. appt's

Community Facilities – no changes

EMS – has been updated.

Cemetery – Terri Charron had made some comments.

Fire Dept – received the report from Andre.

Highway – from Glenn

Solid Waste – Paul Perras

Police Dept. - Update wording to Board of Selectmen – not just Select as shown.

Library – ok

Town Office Building – ok

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Medical Services - ok

Liz hasn't received from the Rec Center yet.

School – received their update. Reviewed their report.

Sanitation – received from Reggie; he also provided info on the upcoming project – Liz will add it into this section.

Natural Resources – Reviewed each section – any changes recommended are below.

Climate – temperatures are wide ranging. Liz will look for averages.

Aquifers – Al discussed and suggested leaving it as is. Liz asked if Reggie should read and give input. Al mentioned the land on Brown Rd that was purchased to protect it.

Vegetation – Discussion ensued regarding the emerald ash borer. Pine Borer – White pine. In 20-30 years, the forest may change. Change the wording to include the identified pests in the future. Invasive plant species? Nicole discussed. Leave it as is.

Land Use – change to Northumberland Village instead of Falls. OK

Undeveloped/Idle land - take out the abandoned.

Land that supports trees – no change

Residential –needs to be more encompassing. Nicole will re-write this.

Other uses – keep the same.

Total acreage – Liz will fix this section. Table 8-1 and table 8-2

Idle Land – 2013 tax cards

Forest – 2013

Agriculture – 2013

Liz will get these updated. It needs to look better than 11 years old. Al asked about getting help through the assessing company. He asked Jim to reach out to them for help with getting updated numbers. Jim will work with Liz and CMP

Location – Current Development

General Residential – what is this? Cumberland St., because it's only on one side of the street; the railroad owns the other side. Recommended taking it out. Discussion ensued regarding zoning.

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Future growth – Al read this section; the Board further discussed. Liz will update our current zones; we don't have rural density.

Cluster Housing – Should be high density.

Industrial Park – we have an industrial park with water/sewer and gas. There is also access to rail service. Hoping it will attract a number of small businesses.

Public properties – we don't have multiplies – will take out the plurals.

Land Use Reg changes – Sean suggested leaving in for grant purposes.

Zoning - Liz noted that we have a new flood plain map and others. Zoning - #7 map – do we have a map 7? – need to create a new map if we don't.

Conduct a Town-wide Cultural and natural resources inventory - recommended taking it all out.

The end of review!!

Al suggested getting the updates done when you can, Tammy wants to put a Warrant Article in for a CIP committee. Which is noted in the Master Plan.

4. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board

No further business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by: Al Rossetto
2nd by: S. Durkin, All in Favor 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca St Cyr
Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Northumberland Planning Board Members on _____

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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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