

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Held on August 4, 2015

Minutes approved 9/1/2015

The Litchfield Planning Board held a meeting in the Town Hall conference room 2 Liberty Way, Litchfield, NH 03052 on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Young (Chair), Matthew Shoemaker (7:05), Jason Guerrette, Russ Blanchette and Brent Lemire (Selectmen's Rep for Steve Perry)

ABSENT: Michael Croteau, Michael Caprioglio and Joan McKibben (Admin. Assistant).

ALSO PRESENT: Jen Czysz (Assistant Director NRPC, Circuit Rider)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak

1) Master Plan Update - Land Use Chapter

Jen told the Board that new updates have been incorporated into the Land Use Chapter of the Master Plan. Jen mentioned **Sections A, B and C:** there are some changes to incorporate from the conversation from the last Planning Board meeting. **Section D (Development Constraints)** is newly updated and has all of the new data folded in and the subsequent calculations are updated which includes: **Subsections 1 and 2 for Residential and Nonresidential.** Jen mentioned that she held off on **Section E- Current Zoning and Existing Land Use Regulations.** Jen mentioned that section was just a synopsis of what the Board has on the books, so it is not really one of the more exciting sections, this still needs to be updated. **Section F- Recent Zoning and Regulatory Changes:** has not been updated, but Jen sat down with Joan and Jason

last week to pick their brains on what some of the things are that have been accomplished or completed in the last 10 or so years, so she has some of those to fold in, but would like to hear anything else the Board can think of to add to that list, which is the same for **Section G- Noteworthy Projects In the Last Five Years**. **Section H- Future Land Use Issues:** minor updates from what the Board saw at the last meeting, just clarified a little bit of information about the number of people that took each of the surveys and tidied up that language a little bit. Jen mentioned that she also pulled in some of the summary notes they had from the conclusion of the outreach process from 2013 that related here. **Section I- (which was Conservation Zoning)** has been struck, instead that will go to those accomplishments list. Jen stated that there is also the other recommendations for local zoning regulatory changes; Jen stated that she has not touched this section yet.

Mr. Shoemaker asked where the Board was at right now doing the review, because he came into the meeting a couple of minutes late. Jen mentioned that it is all open for discussion. Jen stated that all she did was walk through what she had changed since the last meeting. Jen mentioned that whatever needs commented on should be commented on. Jen also mentioned that in general, things that are a little more policy statements that are old policy statements, she tried to start highlighting in yellow. At the last meeting we talked about a few different points in the document where the word choices from 2002, did not convey the message that seemed appropriate for 2015. The Board went through and had a long discussion and made a few changes to the wording in **Section 1.) Residential Zones Developable Land Area (DLA) (page 13)**, The Board also went through and had a lengthy discussion on **Section C) Existing Land Use Patterns - Preserving Agriculture**. The Board also discussed the immigration of 55 plus housing. Jen stated that the bigger issue will be 30 to 40 years from now, when that population is on the decline.

Jen stated that Future Land Use is one that they should reserve an entire evening. Jen mentioned to the Board that she would like the Board to come up with a list of noteworthy projects or accomplishments for the last 5 to 10 years the Planning Board would like to see listed. Jen had a list of what has been accomplished thus far:

1. Albuquerque Ave.
2. Accessory dwelling ordinance was passed
3. Multi-family was passed
4. The conservation Open Space Development Ordinance was passed
5. The non-residential design standards were adopted into the Site Plan
6. Airport Access Road was completed
7. Conservation Commission acquired farmland
8. The Sawmill Brook Recreational Facility

9. Rewrite of the Commercial/Industrial and Transitional and Zoning District
10. Broadened the definition of Agriculture and what was permitted as Agricultural uses
11. Incinerator retired and is now a Transfer Station
12. New Pavilion at Darrah/and a whole new Ball Park

Jen mentioned that the Planning Board did design standards in the Site Plan for non-residential development but do not have something similar for multi-family. This might be an exercise the board would like to accomplish.

Jen mentioned that the Accomplishments Section will be the next one that she tackles along with the Section describing what the Board has on the books today.

Tom mentioned that he thinks it would be a good idea to get some of the other Board's in here to show them what the Planning Board has done so far. Jen mentioned that depending on the flexibility of the other Boards, the Planning Board may also want to consider, if they do not have representatives available to come and join the PB meeting for an evening, consider going and visiting them and be on their agenda for a meeting.

Committee Reports

Tom Young mentioned that on the 29th of July FERC held a meeting at the Radisson in Nashua at 6:30pm. There were a lot of people in attendance and there were a lot of good speakers with a lot of information. The meeting did not end until 1:30 AM.

Approve Minutes of July 21, 2015

Motion: by Jason Guerrette to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 as written.

Second: by Matthew Shoemaker

Vote Passed: 3-0-2.

Any Other Business

No other business

Motion: by Jason Guerrette to Adjourn

Second: by Russ Blanchette

Vote Passed: 5-0-0.

The Next Planning Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes taken by: Donna Baril