

New Durham Planning Board

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NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

New Durham Town Hall

April 16, 2019, 7:00p.m.

Present

Bob Craycraft, Acting Chair

Scott Drummey, Secretary

Dot Veisel, Board of Selectmen representative

David Wessel, Member

Excused Absence

Jeff Allard, Chair

Also Present

Laura Zuzgo, Administrative Assistant

Kyle Pimental, Planner SCRP

Marcia Moreno-Baez, GIS Planner SCRP

Catherine Orlowicz, Resident

Jennifer Thompson, Resident

Don Vachon, Road Agent Manager

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator

David Bickford, Resident

Call to Order

Chair Craycraft called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Public Input

David Bickford, resident, presented a copy of an article from *Business New Hampshire* regarding designing communities for growth for review by the Planning Board.

Old Business

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Chair Craycraft stated there are a couple representatives from SRPC and they are helping with some mapping and guidance regarding zoning and the land use suitability map. He noted that the last map was done in the 1970's and they are looking to have a map with more criteria and details. He explained the work done on the updates to this point as well as some of the considerations the Board discussed for usability. SRPC representatives gave an overview of the changes and updates made to the land use suitability maps. Ms. Veisel asked for clarifications on the color-coding and Mr. Drummey suggested colors be made more distinct. There was also discussion about steep slopes and Mr. Drummey explained the numbers and slopes percentages which are restricted from any development. Chair Craycraft outlined the regulations regarding steep slopes, noting anything over 30% is prohibited. There was also discussion of the business district of the Town and the undevelopable areas in it. Town Administrator Kinmond explained the road construction survey and the details which are provided as to the conditions, base and work needed for maintenance as well as the usability of the data to the Board relative to

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the ability to develop different areas. Selectman Veisel asked if there are ways to determine if certain areas are more conducive to roadway development. The SRPC representative suggested there may be a way to develop a map for that but it would not be part of this land use suitability map. There was also discussion of the Town aquifer overlay and explanation that this would put some restrictions on certain developments in particular areas, noting this information could be added to the land use suitability map for the surface and subsurface waters. The Board agreed to add this data to the map. It was also noted that FEMA is in the process of updating flood zones and these will be watershed based, and it was explained that a few areas of the Town are in the Merrymeeting and Merrimack watershed; any changes to the flood maps may require edits to the land use map as well.

Volunteer Application

Chair Craycraft stated an application was received from Jennifer Thompson, indicating interest in serving as an alternate for the Planning Board. Ms. Thompson explained she has been working part time with the Building Inspector and would like to become more knowledgeable about the Planning Board side of things. It was the consensus of the Board that there would not be a conflict of interest for her to serve in this capacity although there may be instances where she must recuse herself from hearing a case.

Chair Craycraft noted there are numerous workshops and training opportunities and encouraged all members of the Board to participate to become more knowledgeable and versed in the various aspects they cover.

Ms. Veisel made a motion to nominate Jennifer Thompson as an alternate on the Planning Board, subject to a two-week vetting period for final approval. Mr. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of April 2, 2019- Edits were made. **Ms. Veisel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Drummey seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0-0.**

Mail/Correspondence

The Board reviewed decisions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, including a motion for rehearing which was denied. There was also discussion of upcoming seminars in June.

Adjourn

Mr. Drummey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary