

Present: Doug Neill - Vice Chair; Jeff Lessels - Ex Officio; Dick Lincourt; Alan Putnam; Alissa Bascom; Gabe Bailey; Patty Chaffee

Alternates: Rosie Smith-Hull; Jeremy Wood;

Public: Sharon Francis; Gary Knight; Steve Walker; Katie Massicotte; Bill Rescsanski

Zoom: Mike Wilson; Scott Wade

Staff Present: Liz Emerson; Sarah Davis – Secretary

Doug Neill called the meeting to order at 7pm, welcomed the new members of the Board - Patty Chaffee and Alissa Bascom, he then asked for nominations for Chair of the Planning Board.

Motion by Dick Lincourt to propose Patty Chaffee as Chairperson, seconded by Gabe Bailey.

Roll call vote: all in favor, motion approved

Motion by Patty Chaffee to propose Dick Lincourt as Vice Chair - Dick Lincourt declined the position.

Motion by Patty Chaffee to nominate Gabe Bailey as Vice Chair, seconded by Doug Neill.

Roll call vote: all in favor, motion approved.

Doug Neill thanked Sharon Francis for her effort and appreciation for the Board.

Jeremy Wood introduced the members of the motorcycle club who are present. Liz Emerson stated that the main question is what is happening. Gary Knight confirmed that the purpose is a club house, similar to the Masons, with a commitment to supporting the community.

Patty Chaffee asked if the club is registered in any way. Gary Knight confirmed that it is a private, unregistered, cash club.

Sharon Francis asked if club members will be coming and going at all times or only when there is a fundraiser. Gary Knight responded that there are people coming and going at all times during the week, there is not an overabundance of traffic. Gary Knight confirmed that alcohol is not sold.

Patty Chaffee asked for any further questions or concerns, seeing none she wished the club success with their community activities. Gary Knight stated that the club has an open relationship with the Chief of Police in town. The building will be renovated to blend in with the community in the spring. Gary Knight confirmed that the club has an open door policy, if anyone has any questions they are happy to answer.

Mike Wilson stated that the club wants to improve the impression of motor cycle clubs.

Patty Chaffee moved the meeting to the minutes of the meeting of March 2nd.

Changes: Alan Putnam: p.2, para. 11, line 2 insert "sign" between "Deli" and "offensive".

Motion by Dick Lincourt to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 2nd, seconded by Alan Putnam.

Roll call vote: all in favor with the exception of Alissa Bascom who abstained as she is a new member of the Board.

Motion approved.

Master Plan Update:

The Transportation chapter has been updated and distributed.

The New Hampshire DOT 10 year plan for route 12 has been received and distributed for possible inclusion of data in the Master Plan.

Patty Chaffee confirmed that her chapter, Public Utilities and Energy will be distributed by the next meeting, the Historical and Cultural Resources chapter is being worked on by Liz Emerson. Gabe Bailey asked if he could handover the Chairmanship of the Recreation Chapter to someone else as he has been struggling with time constraints.

A short discussion ensued on the direction of the Recreation Department. Liz Emerson will work with Gabe Bailey to complete the Recreation Chapter.

Sharon Francis spoke about a possible trail along the 13 miles of Connecticut River in Charlestown as a part of the Recreation Chapter proposals.

Land Use: Dick Lincourt confirmed that the committee met last week and have put together that which is not dependent on information from other chapters.

Patty Chaffee spoke about the lack of consistency in the draft chapters and asked for a consensus from the Board on what a chapter should look like so that the completed chapters can be revamped to provide a uniform Master Plan document. Liz Emerson proposed a format to put information in chronological order. Dick Lincourt suggested referencing relevant RSAs at the beginning of each chapter.

Sharon Francis suggested Public Hearings once the document is finalized: Patty Chaffee confirmed that this is already part of the plan.

Patty Chaffee asked Liz Emerson for any other updates:

Solar Ordinance - Liz Emerson handed out the updated the Solar Ordinance following the vote at Town Meeting.

Patty Chaffee asked for any other comments:

Sharon Francis referred to the minutes of the meeting of February 16th where it was stated that the sign at the Cobb brothers had been removed, there are now 2 new signs - Liz Emerson will look into this.

Sharon Francis spoke about a Motorcycle Repair sign at Fastenal - Liz Emerson will look into this. It was confirmed that this is a Motorcycle Storage sign.

Sharon Francis spoke about political signs in town: Liz Emerson confirmed that state rules state that this is something to be referred to the Attorney General's office. Liz Emerson will check into this.

A discussion was had regarding Rev - a new vehicle repair business on Dean Hill where the RV sales business used to be. Liz Emerson will reach out to the company regarding signage.

Rosie Smith-Hull spoke about a new car repair business on South Hemlock Road, Liz Emerson will check into this.

Gabe Bailey asked about Abbott Sceptic - Patty Chaffee confirmed that when the business started it was confirmed that only vehicles were being parked at the property, the business is not being run from the location. Liz Emerson will look into this location from a Health Inspector perspective.

Jeremy Wood officially stepped down as an Alternate to the Planning Board as he is now a member of the Select Board.

Liz Emerson and Patty Chaffee will train on the Zoom Platform before the next meeting. Doug Neill confirmed that he is happy to train also. Scott Wade will provide training on 3/17.

Alternates: Mike Zazzaro and Keith Weed are interested in being Alternates for the Planning Board, Rosie Smith Hull is keen to continue: It was agreed that this will be discussed and decided at the next meeting on April 6th.

Jeff Lessels spoke about this possibly being his last meeting as Ex Officio, he suggested that the Planning Board and all other interested parties meet to identify areas of implementation for the final Master Plan to ensure that the effort is not wasted.

He also spoke about a letter that Liz Emerson has drafted concerning support of enforcement action from the current Select Board and he would like to see the Planning Board push to have this distributed.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Neill, seconded by Gabe Bailey.
Meeting adjourned at 7.55

Sarah Davis
Secretary