

**Present:** Patty Chaffee - Chair; Doug Neill; Jeremy Wood - Ex-Officio; Alissa Bascom; Dick Lincourt; Alan Putnam

**Alternates:** Rosie Smith-Hull; Keith Weed; Sharon Francis

**Absent:** Gabe Bailey - Vice Chair; Robert Meier - Alternate

**Public:** Roger Thibodeau

Patty Chaffee called the meeting to order at 7.03 pm

**Minutes of the meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Motion by Alissa Bascom** to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Alan Putnam, all in favor with the abstention of Doug Neill, motion approved.

**Applications:** There are no new applications for this meeting and nothing in the pipeline for the next meeting.

**Master Plan:** July 20<sup>th</sup> Land Use and Regional Concerns will be presenting.

Matt Blanc from CEDA will be also attending the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Master Plan Subcommittee:** Patty Chaffee updated the Planning Board. The Subcommittee has finalized the Transportation Chapter. The task force would be meeting Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to review the Population and Natural Resources Chapters.

Patty Chaffee asked if Liz Emerson had received a letter. Liz Emerson confirmed she received a letter from Bonnie Remick with concerns of an illegal campground on the abutting property owned by Daniel Young. Bonnie Remick is concerned for the safety of her property which is in conservation. Liz Emerson will conduct an inspection and send Mr. Young a letter. Sharon Francis added that Mr. Young has done quite a bit of clearing. Mr. Young has cut trees and pushed boulders onto Bonnie Remick's land. Patty Chaffee stated this would be sent to the State for review and the State Forester will inspect the property. This specific complaint is not in the Planning Board's purview, but will be sent to the correct department. Sharon Francis stated if Mr. Young is indeed going to operate a campground he must come before the Planning Board with a site plan application.

**Liz Emerson - updates for the Planning Board:**

Liz Emerson researched the Route 12-A Auto site plan approval for conditions that were said to be set for outdoor storage. On August 16, 1988 Todd Matheson came to the Planning Board for a preliminary discussion. On September 6, 1988 the site plan was approved with no noted conditions. Roger Thibideau questioned if there was another meeting in later years possibly 1993 or 1994 with conditions. Liz Emerson will look into this further.

Liz Emerson reported the lot on the corner of Route 12 and Lovers Lane owned by Morways is approved to store construction materials, allow truck storage, and can have up to 20 mobile homes stored. No further questions.

Liz Emerson investigated the laws and regulations for bicycles on sidewalks. This is a State law, and Towns cannot be more lenient than State laws, but may be more restrictive. Charlestown cannot allow bicycles on the sidewalks.

Liz Emerson spoke with John Kallfez from NH DOT on getting additional signage at what the Town believes are dangerous intersections. John Kallfez stated the sign crew and engineer would have installed additional signage at the time they reviewed the intersections if they thought it was necessary.

Liz Emerson sent Rev's another email about their signs and banners and that they need to have Planning Board approval. She has not heard anything back and will stop by Rev's to speak with them directly.

Roger Thibideau expressed displeasure about not receiving the personal notice sent regarding the site plan for the cell tower upgrades. Patty Chaffee understands Roger's concerns however we cannot control the Post Office. Patty Chaffee continued; the State law says the municipality must have proof we sent notification to abutters, but does not say a municipality must make sure every notice is received.

Patty Chaffee asked if we can set a potential date for the first Master Plan public review meeting. There may be more than just a few attendees. If so, we should reserve the Old Town Hall. The Board agreed that we should hold the first public hearing around September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Patty Chaffee asked if there were any further questions from meeting attendees. Sharon Francis asked if she could share sign violations and the Attorney General's response from the letter she sent with concerns of political signage.

Patty Chaffee stated that violations should be sent directly to Liz Emerson and not brought to the Planning Board meetings. Liz Emerson can review complaints research them and rectify site plan and subdivision violations. If it is a bigger issue that she cannot handle in office, she will then bring it to the Planning Board.

Sharon Francis shared the response from the Assistant Attorney General for Election Law, Nicholas Chong Yen. He said when a political sign is on private property he cannot recommend enforcement but suggests that we ask our Town attorney how to go about these sign issues. Sharon Francis continued that she plans to draft a citizenship letter to try and make the property owners see that the political signs may take away from the beauty of town. Patty Chaffee shared her concerns that the neighborly letter Sharon drafts should not come from the Planning Board and what if there are more political signs than what have been observed? Patty Chaffee continued that if the Selectboard takes the route of the signs being in violation of the sign ordinance, then enforcement would come from the Selectboard not the Planning Board.

With no further additions to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Wood seconded by Dick Lincourt, meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Emerson  
Staff