

**Grafton, NH Planning Board**  
**Minutes 16 Nov 2023**

Members present: Angus Gorman (chair), Emelia Cushing (vice-chair), Alice Roy (secretary), Sabrina Kirwan

Others present: Paul Leveille (alternate not serving), Gary Whitney, Anson Smith, Aaron Simpson, Joe Varnum, Jeff Peavey, Graham Carpio, Andrew Cushing

Meeting was called to order at 7pm

Review of minutes: minutes from 26 Oct were unanimously approved with minor spelling changes

Correspondence: none

Business: Andrew Cushing expressed that he hoped the town would approach the potential demolition of the East Grafton parsonage more methodically and transparently. The board voted unanimously on a motion to request the selectboard hear what the public has to say before committing to demolition.

Anson Smith presented a major subdivision on NH route 4a. A few abutters had questions about both drainage and visibility of driveways and it appears as though the DOT has taken this well into account. A public hearing was opened at 7:42. Gary Whitney asked about the potential illegitimacy of the applicant sending the abutters' notices themselves. The board agreed to look into that. Jeff Peavey expressed some concern about high water on his border. Angus suggested the drainage design would be designed by a professional engineer and if done correctly it would not change the drainage pattern negatively. The public hearing was closed at 7:51. Alice made a motion to accept the subdivision as presented conditional to DOT approval, Sabrina seconded, subdivision was unanimously conditionally approved.

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:55.

Minutes taken by Angus Gorman