

Grafton, NH Planning Board

Minutes April 28, 2022

Members Present: Angus Gorman (chair), Emelia Cushing (vice chair) Gary Whitney (secretary), Leif Hogue (Selectboard ex-officio),

Members Absent: Sabrina Kirwan

Others Present: Alice Roy (Alternate), Paul Leveille (Alternate), Paul Vogt, Maureen O'Reilly, Catherine Mulholland, Brian Hough, Lewhay Pasak, Blake NLN

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Alternate-Pro Tempore: The Chair stated that alternate Alice Roy would sit on the board as a member pro tempore in the absence of Sabrina Kirwan. .

Minutes: The minutes of March 24, 2022 were reviewed and approved as amended subject to a minor change to the alternate discussion.

Correspondence: Truman Voluntary Merger application

Business: The chair reiterated previous remarks made at the September 2021 meeting emphasizing how the meetings would be conducted in order to preserve order and requested that all questions and comments by the public be held until the Public Comment part of the agenda.

The chair then discussed the overall functions of the board and status of on-going efforts concerned with the subdivision regulations and potential future efforts such as a Master Plan revision. He also presented several ways that both new and former members can educate themselves and become better acquainted with state RSAs, other various regulations and certain handbooks that can be used to become familiar with the roles of planning boards and how they work.

The John Truman Voluntary Merger application was reviewed by the board and, after a discussion of proper voting protocol, was approved unanimously. The appropriate fee of \$12 was included with the application and the secretary agreed to file the paperwork and send the appropriate part to the registry of deeds for recording.

Selectboard Ex-officio Report: Mr. Hogue indicated that the Grafton County Library was being remodeled and had forwarded older planning board documents to the town that was available for the board to review. The secretary later received the documents from the Selectboard admin and added them to the planning board files.

He also discussed the status of potential grant applications to update the town hall.

Public Comment

Maureen O'Reilly provided feedback on the process of voluntary mergers and capital improvement plans. Others also provided information and requested feedback on the manner in which public meetings can be conducted and the benefits and purpose of Master Plans.

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:54 PM

Gary Whitney
Secretary, Grafton Planning Board