Grafton, NH Planning Board

Minutes 24 June 2021

Present: Angus Gorman (chair), Emelia Cushing, Rich Angell, Tom McGinty (selectboard ex-officio), Brian Fellers, Mr. and Mrs. Forshee, Denise Vogt, Paul Vogt Absent: Gary Whitney (secretary), Sabrina Kirwan

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

The minutes of 27 May were approved 4-0

Correspondence: A letter from NH DOT- DOT is planning subject Highway Safety Improvement Project. The project involves neighboring towns and will replace deficient roadside cable barriers/guardrails on Rt 4 all on the state right-of-way. All agreed this was informational and nothing regulatory needed to be done.

Business: Improving/reviewing Subdivision Regulations was brought up and decided that we should wait until we have a full board to proceed. Agreed that reviewing Subdivisions 1-6 should wait until next meeting. Board reviewed current Subdivision/Existing Voluntary Merger Application. A large portion of the application references a proposed ordinance relating to regulating mobile home parks. Board questions its relevance and necessity. Tom McGinty noted that it most likely should not be included in the application. When asked, Brian Fellers also mentioned he had never seen that proposed ordinance before and he agreed it should not be included in the application. Angus Gorman has created two separate applications that should streamline the process and be clearer and more concise for the applicant and the board. This will be reviewed by a full Board.

Selectboard ex-officio report: Tom McGinty mentioned the Selectboard was working on some large projects that didn't need attention from the Planning Board at this time.

Public comment: Robert Forshee asked what the Planning Board was up to. Angus gave a brief description of our goals for updating and revising applications and regulations that have not been updated in several years. Robert continued questioning why the Planning Board should exist. He was given many examples and situations from both Angus and Tom as to why the Board is valuable to our community.

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Minutes taken and submitted by Emelia Cushing.