

JACKSON PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES –October 11, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING - UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

Call to Order: Bill Terry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Attending were Members Bill Terry, Dick Bennett, Scott Badger, Kathleen Dougherty, Chris McAleer, and Betsey Harding; attending Alternate member was Huntley Allan. Bill confirmed that all would be voting. In the audience were: Jerry Dougherty III, Steve Whitman, Joyce Allan, and Hank Benesh, who was making an audio-visual recording of the meeting. Member Sarah Kimball joined the Board after the Minutes were approved.

Minutes of September 13, 2018: Scott moved approval of the minutes as distributed, and Chris seconded the motion; they were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Jerry Dougherty recommended that the Board change the current required 200 feet of frontage to 100 feet. Scott affirmed that the Board will look at that issue as part of the review on zoning issues that might help to increase housing diversity.

Dick Bennett commented on the Selectmen's decision that certain procedures need to be followed regarding requests for legal review: Any Board may go through the Municipal Association since review by their attorneys is without cost to member towns, and Jackson is a member town. Beyond that, for a Board member to contact the town attorney, there is a process: go through the town office, have a paper trail authorizing the contact. Members discussed the fact that both verbal and email notice was provided to the Selectmen concerning questions concerning subdivision and development approvals on private roads. It was recommended that there be an email address established that the Town Offices staff could monitor in the event that Selectmen might be away or miss an email: for example an address such as JxnBoS@gmail.com could be monitored by staff when Selectmen are unavailable.

Discussion of possible regulatory and non-regulatory opportunities for increasing housing diversity: Steve Whitman joined the Board table. Scott introduced him and explained where we are at this time in terms of the housing opportunities grant we received. Steve explained proposed additions and changes suggested for Zoning Ordinances Sections 8 and 10. Because the issues are complicated and will require careful review, members decided to hold a Work Session to begin at 7 PM on Thursday, October 25th at the Town Offices Building, inviting Town Building Inspector Kevin Bennett and Town Engineer Burr Phillips to join the Board for the discussions about possible Zoning Ordinance amendments. A Community Forum is planned for November 7; the Board plans to discuss proposals suggested by Steve Whitman about housing opportunities prior to the Community Forum.

Other Business: Consideration of the new Ten-Year Transportation Plan had been postponed to this meeting; no comments or proposals were made.

Betsey commented that the form for the NH State Office of Strategic Initiatives about Planning Board documents had been filled out and submitted.

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chris McAleer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Harding, Secretary

(Note: an audio-visual record of the meeting may be found on Jacksonflicks.com)