

# Town of Woodstock Planning Board

## March 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

### Planning Board Attendees:

Scott Rice  
Robert McAfee  
Margaret LaBarge  
Jerry Miserandino  
Bonnie Ham  
Christina Payne  
Zoom: Patrick Griffin  
Absent: Dianne Tardif

No Public Attendees in person or zoom

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**A motion was made by Jerry for the approval of February 13, 2023 minutes.** The motion was seconded by Margaret, and the vote was affirmative, with Scott, Robert, Patrick abstaining. Christina was not present at the time of the vote.

Scott presented the Selectman Report with finalizing 5 grants, and some were for capital improvement grants for water and sewer systems. Public hearings for public input will be held before things get going.

Robert asked if it supplies funding for designing things that could become shovel ready.

Scott replied that no, just the planning for the future of what is to come for the next 10-15 years. Public hearings and then design phase. \$120,000 or more for the engineers for water, wastewater, and one for storm water.

Bonnie said that this is important because all of the vision meetings involve that infrastructure. She stated that these would be important for the sub-committee to attend all the meetings.

Robert stated that since the ground was open, it would be a good time to add the utility and communication lines.

Scott added that there was a grant to upgrade the sewer pump station on 112. We have that grant money, plus we have the money in the capital reserve to cover that before anything happens.

Scott also added that the Northern Borders Grant would cover anything on Lost River Road which would probably be the first thing that would be developed.

Scott mentioned that they just got through with all the upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, and the wells and energy upgrades. The new system will show the actual gallons going through the pipes instead of a formula for figuring it out. He stated that 3 major leaks were found over the last year.

Scott brought up how the town really needs to add another Public Works employee to help, as there are only two people currently doing all the work. No applications have been turned in.

Jerry stated that that third person is very important, and asked if the wage was sufficient enough.

Scott replied that he wasn't sure, but the wage went up 25%, and hopes we eventually will get somebody soon.

Bonnie presented the Master Plan Sub-Committee Report. She stated that there has been very good attendance for the meetings, and that we have a very diverse group. All of the major topics have been discussed.

Bonnie explained that Chief Millar is very interested in sitting in on some of our meetings, and has referred us to the town of Franklin, who is doing a great job in planning their future.

Bonnie invited all to the next sub-committee meeting will be Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. It will be welcome for anyone to come, and will be sent to Planning Board members as well as posted on the Town website, and posted on the Town office door.

Infrastructure was the important point to bring to the citizens to look at for the future to bring access to everywhere in town.

Robert told the board that he had spoken with Fidium, a fiber optic company that could do the entire town of Woodstock if the town will put up a bond for a portion of it.

Scott said that he would talk to Charyl, who has been working on the grants in that area.

Robert stated that all ideas can be addressed and all be sought after.

Subdivision Regulation update was presented by Margaret, who stated that the current was sent to all the members with some sections that we might want to wait on until after the town meeting to be in alignment with the Floodplain Regulation changes. All agreed.

The draft copies were brought to the town hall for the public to pick up to go over for the discussion at town meeting.

Scott said that he could answer questions at the meeting as they come up regarding the regulations.

Margaret has also done research on finding more affordable floodplain insurance options, and the steps that will next need to be taken.

A Spring Conference on Planning and Zoning is available on Zoom, April 29<sup>th</sup>, is available for anybody to sign up starting March 17<sup>th</sup>. It is free and available on the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs.

There is also another Floodplain webinar coming up on April 4<sup>th</sup> on New Hampshire Best Practices for Effective Local Floodplain Management, which is now open for registration.

Bonnie put out a reminder to those who will be elected to the different positions to go to the town office to get sworn in. Those who do not get elected also have the option of becoming an alternate.

No other business.

Last question was from Patrick to asked who were the candidates who were running, and Bonnie listed the candidates as herself, Lee Freeman, Igor Bily, Jerry Miserandino, Kathryn Cadeiro, Robert McAfee, and Christina Payne.

All agreed that it was a good diverse group.

Bonnie thanked Patrick for his service to the Planning Board.

Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

*Approved 7/10/23*