

Town of Milton
Planning Board
February 16, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Peter Hayward, Joseph Michaud, Bob Bourdeau, Tim Long, Larry Brown, Brian Boyers, Alternate Bob Graham, Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk

Missing Members: Tom Gray

Public Attendance: Eric Knapp

Chairman Boyers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Chairman Boyers brought B. Graham to the board to sit for T. Gray.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2016 meeting minutes, J. Michaud motions to approve the minutes, L. Brown seconds the motion and commented that mosquito bite could be put in quotations and felt his statement on page two in regards to his warts for the Frizzell property does not clearly express what his warts are. D. Smith replied that the minutes express what was said during the meeting. Board vote in favor to approve the January 5, 2016 minutes.

Master Plan Update: Chairman Boyers informed the board that he has been in contact with Bruce Woodruff to work on the Master Plan update and the CIP program, which will be very helpful since he has done similar work with the Town of Moultonborough as a Planner. If anyone on the board has any qualms with Bruce Woodruff assisting the board he would like to know. The board agreed it was a good idea. L. Brown commented he has known Bruce Woodruff for many years, he is clear, direct and useful. Eric Knapp commented that the Conservation Commission has contracted to do work with Strafford Regional Planning to help on updating the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan, they have found it has been helpful having someone with professional experience assisting with the updating process.

B. Bourdeau asked what approach they are going to take if they would be waiting for Bruce or starting ahead of him. Chairman Boyers replied they could discuss the plan of action during this meeting, he suggested they could invite Bruce to the next meeting. B. Bourdeau questioned the course of action, saying they have talked about the update, they did the survey, talked about making it not so wordy which the Conservation Commission is on that same path with the Natural Resource Chapter, is the board going to go page by page reviewing or paragraph by paragraph. P. Hayward commented he thought that was what Jerry Coogan had been doing. L. Brown asked to speak for 3-5 minutes, and explained a number of various suggested changes. B. Bourdeau commented that he agreed with the simplicity L. Brown suggested, and the only issue he found was that he did not believe they should be adopting a Master Plan in 2016 that projects the population to 2015. He thinks they should look ahead and some of the numbers should be updated. P. Hayward noted in the chart section there shows a stronger county flair, which looks more southerly than where we are, the population growth would be a significant one of those, it talks of a decline in home ownership but we do not have any evidence of that and the only way that would happen is a higher growth than what we have. B. Bourdeau added the projections they did were in 2004, by plugging in the actual 2015 number we will see how well their projections were. The board continued discussion on population changes in the area and housing trends in the area. B. Bourdeau noted that when the Vision and Land Use has been slimed down it will be

easier to work with and they can discuss paragraph to paragraph. Chairman Boyers commented foreclosures and town owned properties those have increased, we are not gaining anything we are losing, last time he did a count at the mobile home park there were about 30 vacant lots that they are doing nothing with, we are not gaining population that the chart says it is. B. Bourdeau added that Milton is faced with school issues, tax issues and others and until a lot of things get resolved people are not going to be moving here. Chairman Boyers agreed that the population charts should be updated. Eric Knapp asked where the numbers came from. Chairman Boyers speculated the Census or Strafford Regional Planning.

B. Bourdeau commented that that gets the board started with the vision and if then they will do the same with the rest of the Master Plan he questioned. Chairman Boyers agreed yes and with Bruce Woodruff attending the next meeting he can give the board direction. D. Smith will take L. Brown's editing suggestions and get a new draft out to the board before the next meeting.

CIP Discussion: Chairman Boyers commented that Bruce Woodruff will be helping with the CIP as well, who has done CIP programs in Moultonborough. B. Bourdeau questioned where the department heads were with the CIP. Chairman Boyers replied he had spoken with the Fire Chief earlier and would be speaking with the Police Chief soon, the department heads are on board to attend a meeting to work on the CIP with the Planning Board. B. Bourdeau expressed it was his understanding that they were going to develop the CIP. Chairman Boyers responded that the department heads hit a stone wall with the process, they were without direction on parts of it as it is a new process to everyone, and with the help from Bruce Woodruff hopefully he will help them finish the CIP. B. Bourdeau is concerned that if the CIP is brought back to the Planning Board before most of it is done they will become like Budget Committee members going over the numbers for the projects. T. Long would like to see the superintendent to be a part of the process with CIP. The Board discussed the school system in town. L. Brown asked if they could get a template for the CIP. D. Smith will circulate the most recent draft of the CIP to the board. L. Brown asked D. Smith to include him in the email circulation of the CIP. Chairman Boyers talked with the fire chief today who is in support of Bruce Woodruff assisting with the CIP. Chairman Boyers suggested having the department heads come to the next meeting to have a discussion with them and Bruce Woodruff.

Other Business:

T. Long asked what came of the Commerce Center car issue. Chairman Boyers replied the owner went to the Zoning Board and they have granted an allowance of 12 unregistered cars. B. Bourdeau asked D. Smith if he could get a copy of the ZBA minutes.

Chairman Boyers read to the board that there is the 22nd Annual Spring Planning and Zoning Conference April 23rd, if anyone is interested in going.

The board received and reviewed a notice to recipients of minimum impact N.H. Wetlands Permits.

B. Bourdeau motions to adjourn, L. Brown seconds. Meeting ended at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk