

Planning Board Annual Report 2016

In 2016, the Planning Board again received a considerably lower number of applications in comparison to previous years. The Board reviewed and approved three lot merger applications, granted final approval of three Site Plan Review applications, two Boundary Line Adjustment applications and three Subdivision applications.

Per RSA 674:1 and 674:2 the Planning Board is obligated to develop and update the Town's Master Plan and per RSA 674:3 the Master Plan is recommended to be revised every five to ten years. A comprehensive Master Plan was produced in 2006 and the Town has contracted Lakes Region Planning Commission to assist the Board in the Town's Master Plan update for completion and adoption in 2017. We are looking forward to working collectively with other Town boards, committees and commissions to produce a comprehensive update.

The Board considered several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which resulted in warrant articles for the 2017 ballot. The Board proposed revisions to Sections 1.1 (Definitions), 5.4.2, 5.4.3 (Conversions and Expansions), 10.4 (Residential Tenting/Recreational Vehicles), 17.8.3 (Variances) and 19.2 (Penalties). In addition, the Board worked diligently to amend Section XI Local Regulation of Excavation to bring the Town and existing active excavation operations into compliance with RSA 155:E. Members of the Board attended an excavation training sponsored by the Department of Revenue Administration which assisted the Board with revisions to the Ordinance. The proposed amendments to Section XI also resulted in a warrant article for the 2017 ballot.

Three Planning Board members, Jack Parsons, Matt Young and Tony Triolo, were reappointed to the Board for an additional three year term.

Finally, the Board continued its work on previously approved and conditionally approved projects to monitor their progress and insure timely compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,
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