

Planning Board Annual Report 2017

2017 served as another light year for the Planning Board relative to application submittals and received a considerably lower number of applications in comparison to previous years. The Board reviewed and approved three lot merger applications, granted a one year extension for three conditionally approved subdivisions, engaged in a preliminary Site Plan Review consultation and granted final approval of three Site Plan Review applications. The latter approved applications included the following proposals; self-storage facility, relocation of storage bins that had received prior Planning Board approval and the construction of a seasonal cabin and Sentinel Ministries Parsonage, both at Camp Sentinel. Pursuant to RSA 231:158, the Board also held a public hearing on Scenic Road tree trimming and tree and brush removal adjacent to and beneath distribution lines on Dame Road, Sodom Road, Butternut Lane, Oak Leaf Lane and Birch Lane.

The Board also continued its work on updating the Master Plan. Per RSA 674:1 and 674:2 the Planning Board is obligated to develop and update the Town's Master Plan. A comprehensive Master Plan was produced in 2006 and the Town extended its contract with Lakes Region Planning Commission to assist the Board in the Town's Master Plan update for completion and adoption in 2018. We look forward to continuing our work with other Town boards, committees, commissions and staff to produce a comprehensive update.

The Board considered two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which resulted in warrant articles for the 2018 ballot. The Board proposed revisions to Section 10.4 (Residential Tenting/Recreational Vehicles), specifically Section 10.4.1, and Section 12.5 (Permitted Uses – Wetlands Conservation District), specifically Section 12.5.3.

In addition, the Board continued its work on previously approved and conditionally approved projects to monitor their progress and insure timely compliance. The Board also began its review of their Mission Statement, Policy Statement and Rules of Procedure and considered revisions to such for adoption in 2018.

Lastly, 2017 proved to be a year of transition for the Board and welcomed several new members and alternates. We thank those members who previously served on the Board for their support and years of service to our community. A special thanks to the Conservation Commission who assisted the Board and worked diligently for months updating the Cultural and Historic Resources Chapter and Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. Their meticulous and thoughtful approach highlighting our Town's most valuable resources and initiatives for the future was beyond exceptional.

Respectfully Submitted,

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