

12.19.2019

Planning Board Meeting

Present: Meg Riordan, Stephen Seredynski, Homer Stavely

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Step / Decision
Approval of Minutes	Homer moves to accept the minutes from 11.21.2019. Steve seconds. Minutes approved	
Meetings attended by Board Members	Ad Hoc Water Committee (Homer attended) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Water for east Northfield and other area near town center get water from the east Northfield water company; challenges to purity of the water and cost is increasing- Committee is trying to address Council on Aging <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Age-friendly definition includes all people and not only elderly	
Approval of Application Guide / Form from last meeting	Suggestions / Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1.5 line spacing- Name the office not the occupant (item 3), and we suggest starting with the Town Administrator- Suggest list of contact information; suggest including contact information- Item 5 – lot size- Item 6 – scale, not scaled drawing- Suggest consistency of capitalization (e.g.: #8, Changes)- Last page should be before the application guide- Pg. 5 – take out “from” derogate (first line at the top)- Pg. 6: Instructions for Completing the petition (remove Variance)- We’d suggest the addition: petitioner is responsible for all publication costs Meg and Homer happy to re-read; Steve will move forward	Steve will make revisions to the Application Guide
Master Plan Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure Preservation of open spaces<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CT river, woods, soil/agriculture, recreation,- Challenges – maintain biodiversity, soil erosion- Priorities – preserve land for natural , scenic resources (p.46)2. Promote Opportunities for Recreation and Community Gathering<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Numerous public and private sites in Northfield- Opportunities: improve, expand existing sites; extensive frontage nearby CT river; NMH fields could be leveraged- Challenges / Opportunities: no riverbank trails; increase recreation like tennis courts	Steve: questions for Northfield Business Association re: cultivating businesses and other questions for committees Return to the master plan principles and vision

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create more town-wide events, gatherings, recreation (e.g.: trails, maps); create a Welcome Center <p>We identify some potential tensions between preserving open space and increasing tourism, recreation, and economic development</p> <p>Some questions for other groups / committees</p> <p>3. Promote Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want to consider ownership of Main Street, Farm/Agriculture, reducing noise from trucks on Main Street, Economic Development Officer 	
Meeting Adjourned	<p>8:00 pm Motion to adjourn</p> <p>Next meeting: continue Master Plan discussion</p>	