

November 14, 2023
Planning Board

Present were: Regular Members: Chair Lori Langlois, Vice-Chair Tom McCue, Henry Noel, Larry Laflamme, Dan Whittet and Karen Collins; **Ex-Officio Member:** Lise Barrette;
Alternate Members: Micah Bachner

Excused was Ex-Officio Member: Peter Morency; **Alternate Member:** Jeffrey Quackenbush

Others Present: Pamela Laflamme, Director of Strategic Initiatives: Cassie Mason, Johanna Lyons and Brian Parise, Division of Parks and Recreation.

Chair Langlois called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comments

None

Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes

Mr. Laflamme made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting as submitted. Mr. McCue seconded the motion.

Ms. Collins asked about the discussion on RV's and whether its about the ones you drive or towed. Ms. Laflamme said it was both. What needs to be cleaned up in the ordinance is that we have the State's ordinance for a flood plain which mentions RV's but it contradicts our ordinance. Ms. Langlois pointed out an error on page 4, paragraph 3, it should say Tillotson Fund, not Foundations.

All in favor with the correction, the motion carried.

NH Division of Parks & Recreation Update on RV Camping Construction

Ms. Laflamme clarified that the State has come to share their project with the board and we can give feedback and ask questions. No vote is necessary.

Ms. Lyons shared said they are at about 60% of project design. While viewing the slideshow, she shared some of the history and what the current facilities offer at this time. This new area, the Jericho Brook area, will add 15 new camp sites and 5 new cabin sites. The area where the new sites will be is between the event area and the Jericho Brook. They are planning on having premium sites with water, sewer and electricity. A dump station for campers has also been discussed. They are also discussing opening a toll booth and a self-check-in system. Asked about the timeline of the project, it was stated that the money needs to be encumbered by October 2024 and spent by October 2026. If all goes well they hope to start construction in a year from now. Full plans are available on the State Parks and Recreation website. There were approximately 2,000 campers in 2023, and they are estimating an increase to 3,500 to 4,000 campers with this addition. Questions were asked and answered.

Housing Opportunity Grant Follow-up

Ms. Laflamme said there is nothing new to report this month. The Barrett Planning Group plans on giving us a draft after the holidays. She thanked everyone who attended the event and said they received some good feedback. They have found that we need a document that explains the process of walking through the permitting process for the residents. The Camoin study had the same opinion.

Other

None

Public Comments

None

Member Comments

Mr. Laflamme asked about the court house and whether there have been any new proposals. Ms. Laflamme said they have received one proposal and will be arrange a meeting for the committee soon.

Project Updates

Ms. Laflamme explained that although the Burgess Biomass has not yet publicly announced their plans for the future, the RAISE grant is still status quo as well as the subsequent grants from the USDA and the Department of Energy for district heating. The RAISE project funds have to be obligated by 2026, spent by 2029, and closed by 2030. It's the same time frame for the Mason Street Bridge project.

Happy Thanksgiving! The next meeting is in three weeks on December 5th.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Ms. Collins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Noel seconded it. All in favor, the motion carried.

The Planning Board meeting ended at 7:26 pm.