



Town of Gilmanton, New
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Planning Board**

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Mark Fougere, Certified Planner
Diane Marden, Planning Admin

Minutes of February 8, 2018

Roll Call

Chairman Wayne Ogni called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Vice Chairman Marty Martindale,. Alternate Selectmen Representative Michael Jean, Member Gabriel Jerome, Member John Weston, Member Roy Buttrick, Alternate Member Steve McCormack, Town Planner Mark Fougere, and Planning Administrator Diane Marden was present at this meeting. Member Justin Caldon, and Selectmen Representative Steve McWhinnie was not present.

Minutes of November 9 2017

VC Marty Martindale made the motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2017. ASR Michael Jean seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Chairman Ogni and Member Gabriel Jerome abstains as they were not present at this meeting.

Applications- None

Correspondence- None

Other Business

Facilities

Certified Planner Mark Fougere explained not many had attended the last meeting so he suggested that everyone review the document that shows the outcome of the 2017 Master Plan Survey. Mr. Fougere stated it does show what matters most to the people of Gilmanton. Mr. Fougere stated he had reached out to all the Department Heads to see if they had any needs, and for this building it had been taken care of after the flood. Mr. Fougere stated for the most part things are ok with the Town Buildings. Mr. Fougere stated the Police Chief did state in another 10 years they will need additional space.

PA Diane Marden stated she had been looking in some files in the basement and found a document stating the "Old" Town Hall in Gilmanton Iron Works is on the State Historic Register should Mr. Fougere want to include that on his documentation of facilities. Mr. Fougere stated

this is one building that needs to be taking care fairly soon. Chairman Ogni stated some work needs to be done to it fairly soon, Mr. Fougere commented on selling it or something if it is not the intent to retain the building for another purpose. Roy Buttrick stated the building would make an amazing Community Center.

The School is being to look at building a High School or seeking a new agreement with another Town. Currently, Gilmanton is paying approximately \$19,000 per student. Chair Ogni stated even if they could afford a new building High School Building, but could not afford to staff it.

Member John Weston stated buying the portables does not make sense when there are three libraries in town. Could it be utilized maybe with an underground tunnel between the buildings. Mr. Weston stated it is dangerous for students to cross the street, and computers could go in the library freeing up classroom space. Mr. Weston was just wondering if anyone had looked into this.

Transportation

CP Mark Fougere stated the most concerning intersection in town is the intersection of Rt. 140& Rt. 106 (a.k.a. the Comers). Most of the problem is not being able to see beyond John Funk's house. Chair Ogni stated the state has done many studies in the area, and maybe a traffic circle should be put in there. Mr. Fougere stated the Board of Selectmen should reach out to the Regional Planning Commission to work on this, it needs to start with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Fougere stated surveys have been done, road safety audits, and traffic counts. Chairman Ogni stated he would speak with the Regional Planning Commission.

Population and Housing

CP Mark Fougere stated not much has happened in this area to really discuss. It is filled with mostly statistics. Since 2000, 700 residents have moved to Gilmanton, so it is growing just not as quickly as other Towns. Mark Fougere stated he received a note from the Historic District on some things they would like to see taken care of.

Member Roy Buttrick asked about who is taken care of the tree's on the side of the road that are huge, and look like they are going to fall down. Someone should be taken care of these trees, maybe contact the highway department, or the Town should hire a forest management person , but that too would need to go through the Board of Selectmen. AM Steve McCormack stated the

Planning Board could make that recommendation to the B.O.S. PA Diane Marden stated the Conservation Commission also feels it would be a good idea for the Town to hire a tree warden.

New Member

Chairman Wayne Ogni welcomed Gabriel Jerome to the Board, and suggested he attend the upcoming training offered by the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives. He also recommended going downstairs with PA Diane Marden to get the ordinances and other materials to familiarize himself with. Chairman Ogni asked Mr. Jerome if he had served on a previous board in any other community? Mr. Jerome stated he had and that he looked forward to attending the training.

Adjournment

Member Roy Buttrick made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Chairman Wayne Ogni seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Diane Marden, Planning Administrator

Authorized by 
Chairman, Wayne Ogni

Date: 
Mar 21 2018