

TOWN OF FREEDOM

A PUBLIC MEETING of the
Freedom Planning Board will be held
On Thursday, July 16, 2020
at 7:00 p.m at the Freedom Town Hall

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and following the declaration of an emergency by the Chair of the Freedom Planning Board, , this Board is authorized to allow to meet electronically.

This meeting will be held at the Freedom Town Hall (16 Elm Street) and can also be accessed via zoom or telephone. To join the meeting via Zoom, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84957810332> If asked for a meeting ID, please use: 849 5781 0332.

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PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Anne Cunningham. Present are: Bill Elliot, Pam Keith, Carol McIntire, Paul Olzerowicz, Anne Cunningham, Melissa Donaldson-Recording Secretary. Paul Elie and Jean Marshall (member of public) are present on Zoom

Review Minutes of June 18, 2020 –Pam made a motion to approve, Paul seconded. APPROVED

Paul Elie - aye

Bill Elliot - aye

Pam Keith - aye

Paul Olzerowicz- aye

Carol McIntire - aye

Anne Cunningham -aye

Review Minutes of Master Plan public hearing of March 7, 2020 - Pam made a motion to approve, Paul seconded. APPROVED

Paul Elie - aye

Bill Elliot - aye

Pam Keith - aye

Paul Olzerowicz- aye

Carol McIntire - aye

Anne Cunningham -aye

Discuss priorities for proposing ordinance changes described in Master Plan - The recommendations were reviewed. Some of the items discussed will not be affected by ordinance changes. Some towns use

an Economic Development Committee that would work on items such as cluster development. In this situation it would be the Selectmen or a subcommittee of the Planning Board. Attached or detached accessory dwellings would require ordinance changes. Expansion of senior services is not a zoning ordinance change.

Jeffrey Towle arrived at 7:18 pm.

Storm water protections need to be added to the Zoning Ordinance. Jeffrey recommends that this be left up to the contractor.

A chart of priority ratings was distributed. Shorefront received the highest priority.

Look for a developer for senior housing - Anne asked for a volunteer to work on this. Pam asked if there was any federal money for senior housing at this point. Pam will do some research.

Detached dwelling units - some members of the Board are concerned about this happening in the Village due to lot size, but support pursuing the idea in other districts. Discussion continued regarding attached vs. detached. Congestion of lots is a concern.

Jean Marshall worked on this three years ago, and offered to work on it again now.

Bill mentioned that people want to maintain the rural character, and that is why they are against detached accessory dwellings.

Duplex units are not currently allowed in Freedom. Discussion about young families and affordable housing options ensued.

Cluster developments were rated quite low in the priorities. Anne is surprised by this because it is a way to make affordable housing.

Proposals for ordinance changes will need to be submitted by the end of January.

The Board supports doing research on cluster development. Speak with developers for their ideas and input about this.

Paul and Anne will work on BMPs in the shorefront.

Pam will look at what senior/assisted living apartments look like

Jean - detached accessory

Pam and Anne - research cluster developments

duplexes/multi-family dwellings - Jeffrey will work on this.

By September, please have an overview of the tasks above to present to the Board.

Carol asked if we know any developers who we can speak to. Pam spoke about the contractors in the Valley. There are no contractors doing this type of work in the Valley.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening regarding the deck project. Anne will send the minutes. We agreed to reconsider our decision.

Pam made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, Jeffrey seconded. Roll call
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary