

Middleton NH Zoning Board Minutes

April 21, 2021

Call to Order: 6:32pm

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Roll Call: Chuck Therriault, Vicki Croteau, Jimmy Keegan, Ken Anderson and Lorri Gunnison present. Joe Vargas (BOS) excused

There was no public input.

Minutes were approved for the April 8, 2021 meeting. Motion by Chuck Therriault and Seconded by Vicki Croteau. Everyone else abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

Mary asked that all new board members be sworn in by Janelle at the Municipal Building before next meeting.

Chuck suggested we start working on a Mission Statement. This will be the root of any decisions made by the board. We agreed to investigate Mission Statements from other towns to create ours. Each of us will bring our suggestions next meeting.

Vicki voiced her concern about the potential of lot sizes changing in town from 5 acres to less. She stated that more children may move in town causing a high impact on the school. Mary commented that the school is already growing. Vicki stated that business growth is necessary for the tax impact to be lowered. Everyone agrees.

Jimmy pointed out that our small town is next to the oldest resort town in NH. Wolfeboro has a lot of tourists and many go right through Middleton. He would like to see ATV trails open to invite people to our town, however, we need something to offer them. He mentioned how Barrington has opened their town and sees potential for Middleton to do the same. Mary is going to obtain the Barrington Zoning Ordinance to have the board review.

Lorri likes what she is hearing as far as Middleton growing but maintaining the same "country" feel we discuss often. She is also looking for a copy of our present town ordinance. Mary will make a copy for her.

Ken likes what he is hearing from the board. He mentioned that Route 153 is a state road with potential. Route 153 has power for business growth. He would like to see the center of town developed. He also would like to see a store (we all agree) to be used for locals and visitors. Ken asked for a master plan and Chuck informed him that the town's master plan is very outdated. The Zoning Board will be the foundation for the town. Ken agreed that we can work from the ground up. There was some question about what is legal to put in place vs. town vote. We, as a board, will ask for legal to step in when we are ready.

Chuck suggested that everyone look up the NH RSA for Zoning. It is full of information. Chuck also asked Mary to investigate the Zoning Board budget. Once we have something to present, we will the legal team to double check. Mary will discuss with Joe.

Mary thanked everyone for jumping on board to help Middleton grow while maintaining our country feel. This is not a short-term project and all members bring to the table their ideas and knowledge to help us make Middleton even better.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Knapp
Zoning Board Chairman