

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

Held on April 17, 2018

minutes approved on 5/1/2018 as amended

The Litchfield Planning Board held a meeting in the Town Hall conference room, 2 Liberty Way, Litchfield, NH 03052 on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Croteau - Chairman, Kimberly Queenan - Vice-Chairman
Joe Blanchette - Clerk, Dennis Page, Kate Stevens - Alternate, Tony Turecki -
Alternate, Steven Webber - Selectmen's Rep.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Perrin

ALSO PRESENT: Joan McKibben (P.B. Admin. Assistant), Jen Czysz (Assistant
Director Nashua Regional Planning Commission - NRPC)
Gail Barringer, Heidi Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Croteau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of members.

Chairman Croteau appointed Kate Stevens as a voting member for the 4/17 meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. S&L Projects compliance hearing
2. Master Plan Update - Community Design Section

Public Input: No Public input on non-agenda items.

1. S&L Projects, LLC Map 20 Lot 21, 476 Charles Bancroft Hwy. Conditional Planning Board approval received on 4/3/18 for a 36,160 s.f. Building in the Northern Commercial District

Compliance hearing for the above application in the event there were changes at the 4/11/18 ZBA meeting. The applicant received the requested special exceptions to wetlands and wetland buffers so there are no changes to the plan.

The Chairman closes hearing on this project, the plans will be signed this evening.

2. Master Plan Update - Community Design Section

Jen reported that the town web site has been updated with the community design information.

At the February meeting of the master plan group Darrah Pond recreation area was discussed and plans traced out on the overlay sheet. In March Kim, Mike and Cassie (NRPC planner) attended a Litchfield Recreation Commission meeting to show them what the committee had envisioned. The comments are written up on the web site, the Rec. Comm. was agreeing with the concepts the Planning Bd. had brought forth.

This evening the tasks were to look at the Riverfront and Old Town Center areas along Route 3A and the Albuquerque Town Center Area (existing town hall and proposed fire station area) at Liberty Way.

Old Town Center Area

The group had a tracing paper overlay of the area and labeled the known buildings and areas. Heidi and Gail suggest a linear park along the river on town owned land starting at the Muster Grounds and going north (this area is across from the Franck house and old town hall/fire station) A trail along the riverfront was envisioned, along with a gazebo, benches or picnic tables. A gazebo across from the Historical Society could be decorated for holidays.

Gail Barringer mentioned she wrote to Senator Donna Soucy to see if there are any grant funds available to improve a park along the riverfront.

The need for crosswalks on Rte. 3A in this area was mentioned, or some other means to slow traffic down.

It was also mentioned that there are many landscape businesses in town that might help out on this type of project.

Kate thought it would be great to have historic pictures or info. posts of historic spots. Kim questioned the floodplain in this area. Jen pulled up the maps on her laptop. If the area was kept in a natural state and no buildings you wouldn't have to worry about flood plain.

The Selectmen would have to approve use of town land.

The Town of Merrimack is proposing a linear park on the west side of the river.

Liberty Way - Visioning

Current and known future structures were drawn in on the overlay map.

Proposals for this area discussed were:

An ice skating area in one or two locations which could double as a summer bandstand
Christmas Tree area

A gazebo (one in that area now) and gathering place

Natural play structures

Since the Town's Safety Complex buildings will be in this area, it was also suggested that if this area was chosen to be a park, that maybe having a couple large playground Fire Trucks and Police Cars structures for the kids to play on would be fun.

Also discussed was that this area also represents Litchfield's Town Administration buildings – where the "Town's Business" is done. Since there are other parks in town for the kids, that maybe part of this area might want to have a more business/professional presentation. An idea of an outdoor sculpture park was discussed, such as a much smaller version of the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park in Lincoln, MA. See this link that was active on May 1, 2018:

<https://decordova.org/art/sculpture-park>.

Water station or somewhere to get drinks/picnic tables/benches

This is the mid-way point of the Albuquerque bike path that is used by many so it seemed like a great area to promote perhaps an ice cream stand

Jen will take all the information back and get the ideas into text form.

Approval of minutes

Joe B. made a MOTION to approve the April 3, 2018 minutes as written. Dennis P. seconds the motion. Motion carries 6-0-0

Kate S. made a MOTION to approve the site walk minutes of April 14, 2018. Steven W. seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-2.

Committee Reports

The Conservation Commission will meet April 25

There has been interest from the public on joining the Heritage Commission that passed at the March 13 election.

Other Business

A letter from NHDES was received on April 16 regarding Construction dewatering and excess soil disposal considerations within the Southern NH PFOA impacted area.

Specifically targeted at the site at 476 Charles Bancroft Hwy. that was recently approved for a warehouse. The suggestion was not to remove soil from the site.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Joe B. seconded by Kim Q.
Motion passes 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
J. McKibben