

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

Held on February 5, 2019

minutes approved on April 2, 2019

The Litchfield Planning Board held a meeting in the Town Hall conference room, 2 Liberty Way, Litchfield, NH 03052 on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Croteau - Chairman, Kimberly Queenan - Vice-Chairman, Tony Turecki - Alternate, Steven Webber - Selectmen's Rep.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Stevens - Alternate,

ALSO PRESENT: Joan McKibben (P.B. Admin. Assistant), Jay Minkarah (Executive Director Nashua Regional Planning Commission - NRPC)

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 appoints Tony T. as voting members for this meeting.

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Rene Theroux map 15 lot 6-2, 311 Charles Bancroft Hwy. approve house design per plan #36221.
2. Master Plan Update Transportation Chapter

Rene Theroux approve house design at 311 Charles Bancroft Hwy.

The subdivision plan was approved in 2008 note 7 on plan # 36221 states: The architecture and style of the house should be similar to that of the general area. Prior to building permit a consultation with the planning board is required.

The Board has seen a rendering of the house design. Mr. Theroux stated he is keeping a country style.

The Board had no objections.

Kim Q. **MOTIONS** to accept the design as presented. Steven W. seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

Master Plan Update - Transportation Chapter

Jay stated NRPC is updating traffic counts and accident data. This information should be available for a draft chapter in March.

Jay presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan that was adopted in December 2018. This document feeds the State 10 year highway plan that is done every two years. There are no Litchfield projects on the Metropolitan Plan but some of the projects would impact Litchfield.

The Hudson Boulevard project, that is not funded now, would alleviate traffic at the Taylor Falls bridge. Hudson will try for funding again next year.

The F.E. Everett Tpke. is considering replacing the main line Bedford tolls with most likely all electronic tolls which would alleviate congestion at exit 13.

The widening of the Everett Tpke. from the tolls south to exit 8 will have a significant impact of Litchfield drivers after the construction is completed.

Referencing the 2002 Master Plan, NRPC will look at the issues then as compared to now and how it impacts some intersections.

Jay discussed the walkability of a town. Litchfield has good access with the bike path that goes by Town Hall. Joan mentions citizens would like to see access to the library from the bike path. We do own land that could be used to connect Albuquerque bike path to the library with a path.

NRPC work done:

Road conditions - preliminary draft

Road surface - completed

Most Litchfield roads are in good shape, only 0.16 in poor condition.

MS-4 drainage, counts every drainage structure.

They will look at possibility of Page Rd and Rt. 102 intersection for signalization research.

Kim Q. mentions large truck on Albuquerque Ave and speeding issue. She had some alternative ideas, propose to look at alternatives.

Hillcrest curve improvement may help, if the town is able to purchase the property and make some improvements to the curve towards Rt. 3A

NRPC will put in better definitions for arterial, collector, minor and major streets.

They will research possible on demand service for elderly, or disabled persons.

The VW settlement is available for electric car re-charging focus is on the state fleet.

In review the items to investigate are: traffic calming, truck routes, Hillcrest Rd. improvements, Page Rd. and Rt. 102 intersection, electric vehicle re-charging.

Committee Reports

NRPC Forum with the Commissioner of DOT Feb. 21

Heritage Commission Second Tuesday of the month.

Conservation Commission First Thursday of the month 2/7 next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Steven W. makes a **MOTION** to approve the 11/20/18 minutes as amended. Kim Q. seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-0.

Kim Q. makes a **MOTION** to approve the 1/15/19 minutes as written. Steven W. seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-0

Kim Q. questions the cuts to the budget. \$1,500 cut from Planning Board 2019 budget. Steven W. explains many budgets were cut due to trying to stay within the mandated tax cap.

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Kim Q. seconded by Tony T. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan McKibben