

**Town of Easton
Planning Board Meeting
January 4, 2019**

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Planning Board:

Denys Draper – Chair – Present
Anita Craven – Present
Bob Lamanna – Present
Frank Woodruff – Present
Zak Mei (SB ex-officio) – Present

Tom Boucher (Alternate) – Not Present
Jim Collier (Alternate) – Not Present
Ned Cutler (Alternate) - Present, Not Seated
Bob Thibault (SB ex-officio Alternate) –
Present, Not Seated

Public in Attendance:

Roy Stever

Denys Draper reopened the meeting at 10:08 AM.

Proposed Zoning Amendments

- The secretary noted that the public hearing newspaper notice should be sent to the Caledonian Record instead of the Courier so it could be published earlier.
- The board reviewed wording for noticing the public hearings.
- The full text of the proposed warrant articles will be placed on the town website.
- Zak Mei moved to replace the PSNH reference with the word “utility’s” in the proposed Wetlands Ordinance. Denys Draper seconded. All in favor. None Opposed. Passed.

CIP Review

- The board discussed capital expenditures made in the last couple years and the projection of expenditures and monies to be appropriated.

Budget Requests

- The board reviewed the approximately \$4000 Planning Board expenditures in 2018, \$1500 of which went to the Master Plan.
- The board decided to add a line with an additional \$2000 for outside consultant fees.
- Zak Mei will relay the budget request to the Select Board.
- At the next meeting, the board will review the Coos County Checklist and the Franconia Checklist for subdivisions for ideas to incorporate into our own.

Proposed Zoning Amendments Continued

- The board discussed various aspects of the proposed cistern requirement - sizing, cost, maintenance, town access.
- The board discussed locations within the town that would be suitable for a fire pond, along with year-round streams/ponds that already exist that may be good water sources for the Fire Department.
- Bob Lamanna suggested that a cistern requirement could be one among the many combined ways we go about to solve the water availability problem in town.
- The board discussed how to interpret the current wording of steep slope lot size requirements, and compared Easton's methodology with other similar towns' steep slope lot size requirements and methodologies. Currently the slope density analysis requires the calculation of an "average slope of lot" which some members felt was problematic, others not so much.
- Anita Craven brought up an inconsistency in how "Steep Slope" is defined in the zoning ordinances.
- Zak Mei will write up a proposal for zoning amendment of the steep slope density analysis over the weekend. The PB can call a special meeting if that proposal is not usable for the hearing on 1/17.

Anita Craven moved to adjourn at 12:20 PM. Zak Mei seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Passed.

Next Meetings:

Special Master Plan Planning Board Meeting – January 29, 2019 at 7 PM.

Regularly Scheduled Planning Board Meeting – February 7, 2019 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Mei

Secretary to the Easton Planning Board