

Town of Dublin



Planning Board Minutes

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July 7, 2022

The Dublin Planning Board met for its monthly meeting public hearing on July 7, 2022 at the Town Hall. Present were Bruce Simpson, Donna Garner, Caleb Niemela, Kirsten Colantino, Rick Macmillan, Steve Baldwin and Select Board Representative Susan Peters. Also attending were alternates Katy Wardlaw, Donald Primrose, Robert Sardinkas, and Neil Sandford. Also attending were June Brening, Augusta Petrone, and Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Pinney and Michael and Geri Manjarris.

Presentation by Michael and Geri Manjarris on Sculptures at Rotary Park

Rick MacMillan shared the circumstances of meeting the Manjarrises last January. Michael explained how he got into this work and his background and his work to promote artists. They proceeded with a slide presentation showing some of the projects and artists with whom he has worked. He explained that he arranges insurance with cost covered by fundraising for the sculptures. He explained his process of trying to work with Dublin Rotary Park to be nature friendly and something that would be fitting for the location. He would suggest a dock for canoeing and kayaking which would add to the number of people using the park. He would like to see it become a regional or state project in the long run.

Susan Peters suggested that they contact Keene State and Franklin Pierce as colleges in the region that might be interested. Michael explained that it is a multi-generational project that would take years to fully develop. There needs to be a draw that would start people coming and then the art adds to the beauty of the place. Bruce explained that parking is an issue at this location which everyone recognizes needs to be addressed.

Katy asked since the artists provide the art free, what is the expense? The shipping, installation and insurance are the primary costs, including the removal and restoration when the art is removed. Rick explained the role of the Grand Monadnock Rotary applying for grants and soliciting donors. The expected cost would be \$25,000, which he thought could be raised.

Bruce shared that he thought parks in Keene would be more suitable than Dublin but the board is willing to work with him if he should decide to work on a project here. He responded that he thought it should be a regional project. Public art needs to have a balance between modern art and more traditional kinds of art. The art is on a one year loan and everything is up for sale at anytime.

Kirsten asked what is the next step. Rick explained that if the Manjarrises decide they want to proceed they will come back with a plan. Caleb explained that a surveyed parking plan and possibly a drainage plan if needed. Susan explained that since it is town owned land, the selectmen need to be involved and then probably a public hearing so citizens can give input.

The board discussed further aspects of Dublin Rotary Park. Bruce shared that since it is town land the ordinance does not apply for a governmental purpose.

Minutes: Steve pointed out where his name was listed twice in the motion for adjournment and Kirsten pointed out a change about young couples moving into town. Bruce appointed Don to take Rick's position since he left the meeting. Steve moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Caleb raised a question about the Other Transient Housing application. The meaning of meeting the purpose and spirit of the ordinance seemed too broad and vague to Caleb and Susan. That question will be taken out along with the word consensus. Bruce asked about the septic requirements. Various ways to address this need were considered.

Kirsten asked about enforcement and several options were considered. Mrs. Pinney asked about how long the conditional use permit is good for and Bruce answered that they continue until the Planning Board revokes them and there has to be a public hearing before the conditional use permit is revoked.

Bruce shared an email from Lisa Murphy that the opportunity to apply for a grant may open up in the next couple weeks. Bruce had written a proposal based on the minutes of an earlier Planning Board meeting. Some things were adjusted in the wording. The consensus was that an integral part of the grant money would be used for educating the townspeople who would be more influenced by an objective professional rather than just Planning Board members.

Kirsten asked about whether we need to have another meeting as soon as the application becomes available or whether Lisa would fill out the application on our behalf. Bruce will send a narrative and ask Lisa what we need to do going forward.

At 9:19 PM Steve moved and Caleb seconded a motion to adjourn, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil R. Sandford, Secretary