

Town of Dublin



Planning Board Minutes

PO Box 277
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July 19, 2018

The Dublin Planning Board met for a regular meeting on July 19, 2018, at 7:03 PM in the Dublin Town Hall. Present were Bruce Simpson, Caleb Niemela, Gregg Fletcher, Steve Baldwin, Bill Goodwin, Allen Hearn and selectmen's representative Dale Gabel. Alternate Neil Sandford was present.

The board discussed what water withdrawal regulations the town can implement. It is under the state's jurisdiction so the town can not stop large commercial water pumping. The town can ban bottling plants, and can work with DES to protect the aquifer.

Green Burials in Dublin

Hank Campbell came to ask about green burials in Dublin. He explained that there are no regulations in Dublin concerning green burials. Hank read RSA 289:2 which states in absence of regulations the cemetery trustees can establish guidelines. His concern was that the town does not have regulations and perhaps the town should consider regulations. The state has some regulations but perhaps more should be considered. There are two issues, one is for what can be done in the public cemetery and the other is what people do on their own private property. Dale pointed out that the public cemetery is under the control of the cemetery trustees who are opposed to green burials there. The board discussed various aspects of this as a possible future trend in NH.

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Dale moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Steve. The motion passed.

Master Plan

Bruce explained the results of his research on water withdrawals and so changed the wording to work with DES to protect Dublin's aquifer.

Bruce introduced the colored photos he added to the chapter headings. He also worked up an Introduction and acknowledgment for the beginning, which will be followed by the previously approved Vision Statement. He will also add the names of the selectmen that have worked with the Planning Board on the Master Plan and the years they cooperated.

Gregg asked about the format of the public hearing. It is a chance for people to learn about the Plan and provide input but the Board would have to decide how to deal with changes recommended by townspeople, as it has already taken many recommendations and carefully considered the results of the survey..

The board discussed small houses and the present ordinance about living in a recreational vehicle. Clarification of the meaning is something that needs to be addressed in the future. Manufactured housing is permitted in all districts and can be the primary living unit or an accessory living unit. Definitions determined what can be allowed but also can be confusing.

The board decided to skip the first meeting in August (August 2) since there were no items on the agenda.

At 8:02 PM Bill moved and Dale seconded a motion to adjourn, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil R. Sandford,
Secretary