



Planning Board Minutes
PO Box 277
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March 2, 2023

The Planning Board met for a special meeting on March 2, 2023, in the basement of Town Hall. Present were Chairman Bruce Simpson; Susan Peters, Select Board Representative; Rick MacMillan, Steve Baldwin, Kirsten Colantino, Donna Garner (via Zoom), alternates Neil Sandford, Katy Wardlaw, Don Primrose, Bob Sardinksas. Not present: Caleb Niemala.

Bruce opened the meeting at 7:02 PM, explained purpose of meeting was to continue steps to execute the HOP grant, and named Katy Wardlaw to sit in Caleb's place.

HOP Grant-Katy reported that the NH HOP grant contract is ready to be signed after the grant is accepted (as unexpected funds) by the Select Board at a public hearing scheduled for March 6. She also reported on the 17 different consultants she had contacted about working with us. The majority (11) weren't interested or didn't respond. She gave some details about the ones who were interested including background, expertise, and travel distance. After discussion the board reached the consensus that Mark Fougere of Milford, and the partnership of Carole Oglivie and Ivy Vann were the best candidates, and would be invited to the next meeting so the Board could meet them, ask questions, etc.

The Board discussed formation of a subcommittee to handle the HOP grant work. The consensus was that there was too much work for the Board to handle in addition to its regular duties. On motion made by Katy, seconded by Donna, the Board voted to form a subcommittee to work on the HOP grant. Any interested Board member may join the subcommittee. Representatives from the Select Board, ZBA, and ConCom would also be welcome, as would other citizens not currently involved on these boards.

Katy agreed to write a short article about the HOP grant subcommittee to distribute at Town meeting, with the hopes of having a sufficient number of volunteers for a preliminary informational meeting on March 23. Interested candidates will be proposed for Board approval.

Planning Board Secretary- The Board discussed conducting a search for a new secretary. Bruce will place an ad on Indeed, and in the Advocate if no one has been found by their next deadline.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bruce Simpson- Secretary pro-tem