

Surry Planning Board
1 Village Road
Surry, NH

Minutes: April 24, 2024

Present: Pete Bissell, Eva Morel, Matt Goodwin, Laura Barrett

7:00 PM

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted. (Matt, Laura)

Jacob Bramel presented the completed and previously approved plans for the subdivision by The Tree Agents, LLC on Joslin Road. The plans were signed and will be recorded.

Matt has some cistern regulations that have been used in other towns. We will discuss that in the future.

Todd Horner from Southwest Regional Planning was in attendance as well as townspeople who are interested in updating the Surry Master Plan. Todd presented an explanation of the function of a master plan per RSA 674:2 as guidance for zoning regulations and capital improvement plans. The update of the Master Plan can be accomplished by a volunteer grassroots committee who write the chapters, or by hiring a professional to draft chapters to be reviewed by the Planning Board, or by the Planning Board drafting the chapters to be reviewed by a professional. The Master Plan can be completely rewritten or can be updated by chapters, maybe doing two chapters per year. The state requires a vision chapter and a land use chapter. Other chapters may include housing, energy, etc. There were a number of citizens present who were interested in being on a steering committee, separate from the Planning Board, that will take on the task. The first step would be to review the current Master Plan. Todd will send the PDFs of the current Master Plan to Matt Goodwin to be forwarded to the steering committee. The update process will require public engagement via survey and some public listening. There are sample surveys available. The final Master Plan is approved by the Planning Board and does not need to go before Town Meeting. Todd and SWNHRP will notify us of their responsibilities under the steering committee format. Matt Goodwin agreed to head up the steering committee. Suggested meeting dates would be the second Tuesday of each month beginning June 11, 2024. Todd must confirm availability with SWNHRP staff. Steering Committee meetings will be public meetings and posted accordingly.

Selectman Ron Profaizer will be our ex-officio member.

A driveway permit application for a driveway from Hayward Drive to property of David and Joni Brooks was examined and approved. (Laura, Matt) John Davis, chairman of the Conservation Commission, took the application for review by that group.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM

Laura Barrett, Secretary