

TOWN OF BARTLETT PLANNING BOARD
WORK SESSION
October 20, 2015

Members Present: Chairman David Publicover; David L. Patch; Peter Gagne; Richard Stimpson; Scott Grant.

Members Absent: David A. Patch; David Shedd.

Others in attendance included: Joe Berry; Marianne Borowski; Doug Armstrong.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. He noted that the heading on Item No. 1 on the agenda was incorrect in that this was just further discussion on the master plan and was not a continuation of the public hearing, which had been closed.

1. Master Plan: The Chairman updated the board on the master plan revisions. Discussion ensued as to whether the changes were substantial enough to participate in a public survey at town meeting and, if so, what was the best way to obtain people's opinions. Scott Grant felt opinions should be sought in particular in regards to the recreation path and snowmobile recommendations. It was suggested a non-binding question asking, "do you agree or disagree with this recommendation" would be helpful. The Chairman said the public comments received at the first public hearing would be incorporated into the revisions, and he was anticipating the revised document would be available for review either at the November public hearing or work session. A red-line version would also be produced and made publicly available.

Joe Berry and Marianne Borowski gave a lengthy discussion on the goals of the Mt. Washington Valley Trails Association. Mr. Berry said the association was working hard to actively expand recreation paths in the area and said it was important that towns have adequate language in their master plan to enable it to happen. While they were pleased to see the board had included language to consider a recreation path in Bartlett, they would like to see the wording strengthened to ensure that it actually happened. They provided enhanced wording which they hoped would be included in the final version of the master plan. The Chairman said he was certainly willing to consider the language, but could not guarantee that everything would be included. Ms. Borowski said the association would also be willing to provide trail maps for inclusion in the master plan, but the board felt that was probably not warranted. They also advised that other resources were available to help the town negotiate for the use of rail corridors to locate the path.

2. Continuation/Final Approval: Attitash Mountain Service Company (AMSCO), Block G, Stillings Grant. File: 2013-1187. Application for subdivision of Stillings Grant Block G into 40 residential units. Tax Map 5STLNG, Lot G00.

There was nothing new submitted for this application, which had been continued to the November 2, 2015 meeting.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed. The Chairman requested that the last sentence of the second paragraph in Item 1, Public Hearing on Master Plan, be revised to read, "The Chairman noted that the planning board had no authority to require developers to put in recreation trails (except that they may require consideration during site plan review) but was open to any suggested language Mr. Lucy may have." A motion to accept the minutes of October 5, 2015, as revised, was made by Scott Grant; seconded by David L. Patch. Vote: All in favor.

4. Mail and Other Business: Peter Gagne brought up the subject of several local businesses who conducted tent sales for a large portion of the year. He felt this was an unfair way for them to increase their retail space without having to pay taxes on it, and asked whether the planning board should look into it. The Chairman noted that a tent does not meet the definition of a "structure" and that a definition of a "temporary structure" would be needed. It was felt if the selectmen believed this activity was a problem, then they would bring it to the planning board's attention.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Grant; seconded by Richard Stimpson. Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Bush
Recording Secretary