

**PLANNING BOARD
27 School Street
HILLSBOROUGH, NH
March 20, 2024**

TIME: 7:00 p.m. –7:18 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 4/17/24.

MEMBERS: Susanne White- Chairperson, Nancy Egner -Vice Chairperson, Andrew Morris, Vice Chairperson, Adam Charrette, Steve Livingston, Bryant Wheeler

EX-OFFICIO: James Bailey III

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Robyn Payson

ALTERNATES: Kim Opperman, Dana Clow, Morgan Tanafon

Excused: Kim Opperman, Jim Bailey

Public: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order:

Chairperson Susanne White called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and called the roll. Dana Clow was appointed to sit in place of Jim Bailey.

Minutes

03/06/24- Nancy Egner made a motion to approve the minutes. Adam Charrette seconded the motion. The motion carried with Steve Livingston abstaining.

Election of Officers

Steve Livingston made a motion to keep all of the positions the same.

Susanne White said they can't do that because Ed Sauer was Second Vice Chair and he is no longer on the Board.

Susanne White nominated Adam Charrette for Second Vice Chair. Nancy Egner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Re-appoint alternate Morgan Tanafon

Nancy Egner made a motion to re-appoint Morgan Tanafon as an alternate for a three-year term. Adam Charrette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvements Plan

Susanne White said that Robyn Payson suggested re-scheduling this discussion for the first meeting in May.

There was a brief discussion about the Capital Improvements Plan.

Steve Livingston made a motion to continue the discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan to May 1st. Adam Charrette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Susan White reviewed the new Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board Handbook and the Land Use Law books that were handed out to the Board.

Susanne White updated the Board on the Economic Development Commission meeting. She said Cody Morrison of the Monadnock Region Economic Development Corporation that handles Cheshire and western Hillsborough counties. She said they have money to lend. It's a non-profit organization that helps businesses that are expanding, helps with business plans, and business recruitment and retention. They are looking to start a home-based childcare center in Hillsborough.

Nancy Egner asked why they were pursuing childcare.

Susanne White said it was because there is a need for affordable childcare.

Susanne White said Mr. Morrison said Hillsborough is coming up in more conversations as an up-and-coming town. He said EDC should update its website to include available commercial properties. There was discussion about the Gateway project which will be a positive thing for Hillsborough. She said it was a very encouraging conversation.

Susanne White said that the Monadnock Region Economic Development Corporation could work with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. If they could "tag team" it would be great. They also do Brownfields clean up. They could work with investors who buy property that needs to be cleaned up. There are a lot of things that are possible for businesses that want to start up or expand.

There was discussion about the Monadnock Region Economic Development Corporation and how it could help businesses.

There was discussion about the new Town website and how it could be updated.

There being no further business Nancy Egner made a motion to adjourn. Susanne White seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned 7:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn L. Payson, Planning Director