**PLANNING BOARD**

**27 School Street**

**HILLSBOROUGH, NH**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

 **DATE APPROVED**: 02-19-2020

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS:** Gary Sparks- Chairman,Susanne White-Vice Chair, Mike Reopel**,** Bob Hansen, Adam Charrette

**EX-OFFICIO:** James Bailey III

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:** Robyn Payson

**ALTERNATES:** Melinda Gehris

**EXCUSED:** Mike Reopel

**Others Present**:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Sparks. He stated this is a work session meeting.

**Minutes**

01/08/2020

Ms. White made a motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2020. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sparks stated that Stephen Bennet resigned from the Planning Board.

Mrs. Payson introduced Melinda Gehris, who has volunteered to be an alternate. Ms. White made a motion to appoint Melinda Gehris as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Mr. Bailey seconded to motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Work Meeting**

**Proposed Projects for 2020**

Review Plan NH Charrette doc and Master Plan

Mrs. Payson stated she would like the Board to look at the two and see where projects from the Master Plan can be combined with the Charrette and keep the momentum going. There is a Charrette meeting on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A representative from UNH Cooperative Extension will be present. Kemp Park will be one of the topics discussed. Parking will also be a topic. Two committees will be formed, one for Kemp Park and one for energy.

Mrs. Payson stated that the GIS Program was included in this year’s budget. GIS is global information system. It allows us to make maps of all kinds.

**Dark Skies**

This was brought up at the Economic Development Committee. It is about being a dark sky community. With a lighting Ordinance this can be addressed. Mrs. Payson handed out information for the Board to review.

**Solar Ordinance**

Mrs. Payson stated that the state legislature is encouraging alternative energy sources, encouraging solar. Mrs. Payson will send a model ordinance to the Board members for review.

**Wind Power Ordinance**

Mrs. Payson stated she couldn’t find any changes in the legislature since the town’s ordinance was put in place but thinks it still needs review as the equipment has changed. The Board would like to have a speaker come to educate the Board on Solar, Wind Power and Dark Sky.

**Outdoor Venue Ordinance**

Mrs. Payson stated the outdoor venue ordinance would be a conditional use permit that would have to be renewed yearly through the Planning Board. It should be on property not less than 10 acres.

**Site Plan Regulations**

Mrs. Payson would like to talk with the Conservation Commission for appropriate plantings for the area. Also, dramatic changes to a façade might need some review.

Mrs. Payson reminded the Board again about the Charrette Meeting February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Sparks wanted to remind everyone about the spring conference in May and urged everyone to attend. Mrs. Payson will send out the notice when she receives it.

**Meeting Adjourned by motion at 7:50 p.m.**

Dianne Rutherford

Administrative/Land Use Secretary