

PLANNING BOARD

In 2010, the Planning Board held 21 regular meetings.

Over the course of the year the following applications were approved:

Date	Name	Location	Application Type	Map/Block/Lot
03/09/2010	David Morgan.	7 Valley Drive	Home Based Business	Map 4, Block 5, Lot 14-18
05/25/2010	Karl LaCroix	44 Whittier Street	2-Lot Subdivision	Map 5, Block 5, Lot 5
06/08/2010	E.Lewis/ W. Gundersen	3 Nordic Woods Lane	Lot Line Adjustment	Map 9, Block 3, Lots 15-1 and 14
06/08/2010	Heather Singleton	5 Williamine Drive	Home Based Business	Map 7, Block 3, Lot 39
07/13/2010	Michael Linsky	12 Pond Street	Home Occupation	Map 10, Block 3, Lot 2
08/10/2010	Coleman McDonough.	Puzzle Lane	Excavation Permit	Map 14, Block 1, Lot 27-4
09/28/2010	Helen Nault	5 Gale Village Road	Accessory Apartment	Map 9, Block 3, Lot 11-2
11/09/2010	C. and K. Marden	45-53 Heath Street	8-Lot Subdivision	Map 4, Block 6, Lot 3
12/14/2010	Jane Boulanger	17 Pond Street	Home Based Business	Map 10, Block 2, Lot 12

The Planning Board spent the year working on its response to the Plan NH input. We have developed a new zoning designation: Village Zoning. This designation for mixed-use zoning will cover three areas of Newton: Newton Junction, Rowe's Corner, and the area around Town Hall. This is an effort to encourage homeowners to incorporate commercial business or auxiliary living space on their property. The idea behind the plan was to help bring services to the townspeople in a way that would keep the rural feel to the town.

Planning Board members attended various workshops and seminars this past year. One workshop, in particular, led to the Board joining forces with the Newton Grange to explore the creation of an Agricultural Commission in the town. The results will be seen on this year's warrant where the Grange has submitted a citizen's petition to create the non-regulatory Agricultural Commission.

2010 also saw the departure of the board's much appreciated Administrative Assistant, Lisa Babcock, in August. She was replaced with Planning Board Alternate, Rick Milner, who stepped in and has kept things running smoothly. He is a welcome asset to the board.

The Planning Board holds public hearings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm and work sessions on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. These meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged.

To contact the Planning Board office, call (603) 382-3419 X15 or e-mail NewtonPlanningNH@comcast.net.

The Planning Board members are: James Doggett, Chairman; Barbara White, Vice Chair; Frank Gibbs, Kimberly Vaillant, Kimberly Pettit, and Ann Miles; alternates: Mary M. Allen, Chuck Whitman, Rick Milner and Mary Sousa; and Selectman Patricia McCarthy, Ex-Officio.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Doggett, Chairman
Planning Board