



# Newton Planning Board

## Public Meeting Minutes

February 28th, 2023



The Newton Planning Board public meeting was called to order at: 7:04PM

Members present: Mr. Moran, Mr. Guide, and Mr. Piper, Also, James Doggett – PB AA  
Via Zoom were members: Ms. White, Ms. Collyer and Ms. Rowden - Circuit Rider.

Upon opening the meeting Chairman Moran read the following:

As Chair of the Newton Planning Board, I declare there to be a weather emergency and invoke RSA 91-A:2, subsection III-b through III-e

... an " emergency " means that immediate action is imperative, and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.

(c) Each part of a meeting required to be open to the public shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. Each member participating electronically or otherwise must be able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public in attendance at the meeting's location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the persons present in the location from which the member is participating.

(d) Any meeting held pursuant to the terms of this paragraph shall comply with all of the requirements of this chapter relating to public meetings and shall not circumvent the spirit and purpose of this chapter as expressed in RSA 91-A:1.

(e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote.

Chairman Moran led the salute to the Flag.

## **1. Public Hearings**

Chairman Moran opened the public hearing at 6:31PM and read the following:

- 1. *Clifton and Kimberly Ward of Newton, NH* request a public hearing for an Auxiliary Dwelling Unit (in barn) at 7 Highland Street, Newton NH. The property is referenced as Tax Map 11, Block 10, Lot 9.**

Mr. Guide **Moved** to Continue the public hearing to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ms. White seconded the motion.

Ms. Collyer asked how the ADU would connect with the existing home. She was informed there was a breezeway connecting the home and the barn.

Mr. Moran asked A.A. Doggett to call the roll.

Mr. Moran - Aye Ms. White - Aye Ms. Collyer - Aye Mr. Guide - Aye Mr. Piper- Aye  
The VOTE was: **Unanimous.**

Mr. Moran recessed the public hearing at 6:33PM.

- 2. A continuation of 125 Development NH Corp of Plaistow, NH's, request for a public hearing for a 4-building Site Plan off S. Main Street, in Newton NH. The property is referenced as Tax Map 14, Block 1, Lot 27- 3. Mr. Moran stated that if the Planning does not receive a request to continue the Board would have to make a decision that evening.**

Mr. Moran continued that today we received a letter from the applicant's agent, Jones and Beach, for this property stating that they would like a continuance. Their reasoning was to give the town engineer additional time to review the hydrogeological report that was sent. As a point of clarification, the planning board received the previous study from 2007 after our deadline at noon on Tuesday. Then it was corrected later in the day on Thursday Either way I do not think the town engineer would have enough time to review it. Moving forward we really would like these in a timelier manner.

Mr. Lekberg (agent for the applicant) gave a brief update on the project.

Mr. Guide **Moved** to Continue the public hearing to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ms. Collyer seconded the motion.

Mr. Moran asked A.A. Doggett to call the roll.

Mr. Moran - Aye Ms. White - Aye Ms. Collyer - Aye Mr. Guide - Aye Mr. Piper- Aye  
The VOTE was: **Unanimous.**

Mr. Moran recessed the public hearing at 7:16PM.

**3. A continuation of 125 Development NH Corp of Plaistow, NH's, request for a public hearing for an Amended Site Plan at 3, 5, 7, & 9 Puzzle Lane, Newton NH. The property is referenced as Tax Map 14, Block 1, Lot 27-4.**

Mr. Piper **Moved** to Continue the public hearing to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mr. Guide seconded the motion.

Mr. Moran asked A.A. Doggett to call the roll.

Mr. Moran - Aye Ms. White - Aye Ms. Collyer - Aye Mr. Guide - Aye Mr. Piper- Aye  
The VOTE was: **Unanimous.**

Mr. Moran recessed the public hearing at 7:22PM.

**2. Board Business**

**a. Acceptance of minutes of the 2/14/23 meeting**

Mr. Guide **MOVED** to accept the minutes with the correction of the date for the lot 14-1-(27-4) continuance, Mr. Piper seconded the motion.

Mr. Moran asked A.A. Doggett to call the roll.

Mr. Moran - Aye Ms. White - Aye Ms. Collyer - Aye Mr. Guide - Aye Mr. Piper- Aye  
The VOTE was: **Unanimous.**

**b. NPREA Manifest**

Ms. Collyer **MOVED** to pay the NPREA Manifest in the amount of \$ **14.98**.  
Ms. White seconded the motion.

Mr. Moran asked A.A. Doggett to call the roll.

Mr. Moran - Aye Ms. White - Aye Ms. Collyer - Aye Mr. Guide - Aye Mr. Piper- Aye  
The VOTE was: **Unanimous.**

**3. Adjourn.**

Mr. Moran adjourned the meeting at 7:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,

James L. Doggett, A.A.  
Newton Planning Board

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