



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**Minutes
School & Town Services Study Committee (STSSC)
August 24th, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Present:

Peter D'Agostino, Chair (voting)
Colleen Micavich, Vice Chair (voting)
Scott Grenier, Secretary, Planning Board Representative (voting)
Charlie Corey, Town Services Representative (voting)
Michele Decoteau, Member (voting)

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

CONSENT AGENDA (Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any member for separate discussion and vote).

A. Approve Minutes – August 5, 2021

**Michele moved, seconded by Colleen, to approve the minutes of the August 5th, 2021;
Voted Yes 4-0.**

REVIEW MAIL FOLDER

Received an email from Scott announcing that the Planning Board has approved a working session to review the committee's recommendations on September 2nd at 7pm, and they have requested the presentation of the recommendations at the September 16th Planning Board meeting.

School & Town Services Committee agreed to meet at the regular meeting time, September 2nd at 6pm at the Fire Station to prepare for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES/PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- A. Update on engagement with the following entities
 - a. SAU41 – update regarding ongoing efforts

Peter Spoke to Ken who is unable to attend tonight's meeting. The School Board is not expecting to have the estimates for the school expansion proposals by September 16th. **Scott** stated that the Planning Board is looking for some information on what types of changes are being considered for Capital Improvement planning.

- B. Review School and Town Services Study Committee recommendations and proposed ordinance language.

Group discussed what we want to present in the working session with the Planning Board. Reviewed the recommendations document.

- Add item for Well and Water Committee Ordinance to require a Hydrogeological study for new sub-divisions.
- Add Item for Well and Water Committee Ordinance to establish a yield testing and pump placement standards for new wells.

Group Reviewed proposed Growth Management ordinance. Discussion on the Purpose. Goal is to pace growth to allow for the schools to add needed capacity and gather more information about the town's water supply. Group discussed how pacing growth helps protect the water supply by allowing time to collect data about water supply issues in town and put additional protections in place where they make sense. Ex. Based on the proposed town wide hydrogeological study, we may want to create an aquifer overlay district in areas with less water available.

Group discussed how to determine the appropriate amount of development to allow under the Growth management ordinance. Peter to reach out to Jay at NRPC for advice on how to determine appropriate limit for building permits and how to distribute fairly. Group is looking for Planning Board feedback on how to equitably distribute limited building permits.

Group discussed that this is intended to apply to all lots, both those created by sub-division as well as lots of record.

Group Reviewed the proposed Workforce Management Ordinance amendments. Updates are intended to incorporate all the regulations available under the applicable RSA.

- 625.00 Definition 6 to be moved to section 626.00 General Requirements and review wording. Intention to require that at least 80% of units allow minors, and 50% of units must have at least 2 bedrooms as per the RSA

Group reviewed recommendation to update Master Plan housing chapter. Update the Population numbers when 2020 census is available. Update information on housing goals and objectives.

Group Reviewed recommendation to update sub-division regulations. Review Minimum Lot Size based on average lot size for our county. Master Plan supports larger lots to allow more wildlife corridors. Based on results of Subdivision Hydrogeological study ordinance, add to Sub-Division regulations.

Group discussed recommendations to complete studies needed to update Impact Fees based on towns faster than expected growth.

MEMBER'S CONCERNS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

REVIEW NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Prepare for Planning Board Working Session

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for September 2nd at 6pm in the Fire Station Conference room. (4 Bond St)

ADJOURNMENT

Michele moved, seconded by Charlie to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 4-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm