

Buxton Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes for April 1st, 2019

- Mark Blier, Jeremiah Ross, Henry Huntley, Cliff Thomas, Galen Cuning in Attendance
- Called to order by Mark Blier at 6:31 PM
- Rich Streeter will not be filling the open seat. Mark Blier will make a public announcement regarding the open seat available on the board at the Wednesday Selectmen's Meeting
- Motion for Election of Mark Blier to Chair the Committee By..., Seconded By.... 4 in Favor; 1 Abstaining
- Motion for Election of Galen Cuning as Secretary By Jere, Seconded By Henry. 4 in Favor; 1 Abstaining
- Discussion of the proposed Bicentennial Gazebo Project.
 - Space available, budget requested, and logistics of site development discussed.
 - Site Walk planned for the proposed site.
 - Scheduled for 4/15 at 6 pm, behind Town Hall.
- Discussion of how the recommendations made by The Committee shall be worded and to which board a recommendation will be appropriate.
- Discussion of Honorary Buxton Oak Tree to commemorate Buxton's Pop Culture Heritage.
 - Jere mentioned how a BXN Oval Sticker could be a revenue driver and aid recognition.
- Mention of a potential Turnpike Spur to Gorham drew interest and lively discussion.
- Impact Fees and their use to fund an Open Space Fund was discussed at length;
 - Mentioned especially, was hope that Buxton could levy an Impact Fee to offset development impacts on Buxtons Open Spaces
 - There was mention of a citizens proposal for levying an impact fee (Paul Bersell)
 - Perhaps amending the zoning to promote open space could help without the negative effects of said fee
 - Group consensus that any Impact Fee should apply town wide, regardless of existing zoning
 - Square Footage and Land Use restrictions were suggested
 - Recommendations to change the subdivision zoning codes for the town to alleviate development concerns were noted
 - Right of Access Easements to any open space dedicated was another suggestion to ensure public use of any open space lands created