

Buxton Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes for May 20th, 2019

-Members in attendance Mark Blier, Jeremiah Ross, Cliff Thomas, Henry Huntley, Galen Cunning

-This may be Mark's last meeting for the summer, as the Legislative Session will demand his time. He will attempt to attend the next meeting if possible, but The Committee will still meet without him if he cannot make it. Mark will continue to keep the group updated regarding any progress through the upcoming summer break.

-We will be working with a fall timeline for Gazebo Project. Mark has asked Kandice to start the regulatory paperwork.

-Jere requested to ask Jim Logan for donation of labor and expertise marking the 140 foot setback from the stream. Would the town need a Town Hall Site Plan Addendum as well?

-Mark had questions for The Committee, prompted by the "Meet your Candidates" queries he fielded:

- 1) Would the group approve of a solar array on the old landfill? Jere mentioned that the town could hire a firm to manage it. Are there any local or similar models to follow? Could a town employee manage both the solar array and the town's IT duties? Also, are there municipal renewable energy grants available? Could regional entities like the Greater Portland Council Of Governments help? The Committee decided to move the question to the agenda for the next meeting, as many more questions were raised.
- 2) What are our opinions on levying impact fees on future development in Buxton? The Committee work to coalesce our views for an official recommendation. The Committee will move the issue to the top of the agenda and recommend a course of action to the Board of Selectmen or the Planning Board. What is Gorham's policy for their impact fees? When Kandice's workload lessens, ask her for some research regarding other local municipalities code. Suggestions were made to help retain "rural character", such as incorporating an Open Space Fund for the impact fees to help support.
- 3) How do we feel about limiting the recreational marijuana industry in Buxton? Citizens wished to reexamine the moratorium the Town has levied against retail marijuana facilities. Mark commented on the smell of the facility near Standish town hall. Most of the group also stated they disliked the smell. Impaired driving was also a concern of the group. Cliff mentioned that scrubbers exist that could be installed to eliminate the smell.

-Next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 6:30.