

**Town of Northwood  
Planning Board Meeting  
June 8, 2023**

**Chairman Jandebaur called the work session to order at 6:31 p.m.**

**Present:** Chair Tim Jandebaur, Vice-Chair Judi Anthony, Selectman Representative Hal Kreider, Members Betty Smith, Karen Robinson, David Copeland, Alternate Robert Strobel, and Alternate Don Manter.

**Voting Designation:** Chair Tim Jandebaur, Vice-Chair Judi Anthony, Selectman Representative Hal Kreider, Members Betty Smith, Karen Robinson, David Copeland, Alternate Robert Strobel, and Alternate Don Manter.

**Town Staff Present:** Town Planner Mark Davie, and Land Use Administrative Assistant Lisa Fellows-Weaver.

**250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Registration Form**

The application for the Planning Board's table at the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration was given to Mr. Jandebaur for signature.

**On a motion made by Mr. Kreider, and seconded by Mr. Copeland, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Tim Jandebaur to sign the registration form for the Board's table at the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**

At this time Board members dispersed into three groups to do "breakout session" activities as follows:

A geospatial exercise wherein members deemed evenly divided areas of the Town as appropriate areas for new housing and/or preservation of natural resources. Members marked these areas accordingly on the printed map.

A guided discussion using cue cards and prompts for members to recall the events or reasoning behind relocating and becoming residents of the Town of Northwood. Board members were encouraged to relay how their subsequent housing accounted for or impacted immediate family members at the time of relocation as well as currently. Board members were further encouraged to envision the future of housing within the town as generally or specifically as desired. Lastly, subsequent challenges recounted by members and their families were to be sorted into challenges that are "related to cost and affordability," "not related to cost and affordability," "both," and "neither." Board members wrote their thoughts, stories, and categorizations directly on posters provided.

A "brainstorming" session based in the New Hampshire Housing Toolbox. An annotated copy of the document was provided for Board members, along with a visual representation of minimum lot sizes in the Town's zoning ordinance. Board members wrote actions suggested by the Toolbox document that resonated with them on "post-it" notes, as well as adapted versions of those actions and ordinances that were deemed more appropriate for the Town as well as some other items suggested by Board members directly.

At the conclusion of the activities, the Board reconvened to debrief the activities and thoughts shared by the eight members who attended.

The group provided remarks for Town Planner Mark Davie regarding the activities provided, including a suggestion that the geospatial activity be prepared for the Town's

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Conservation Committee. Resounding themes from the discussion included a loose preference for development along the US 4 corridor in the eastern half of the Town, exploration of “village center” style development, the addition of one or more zoning districts in the Town to address lot sizes, and methods of “streamlining” the building permit process to reduce barriers to applicants.

Additional discussion was held regarding the processes for site walks.

It was noted that the Board should begin thinking about setting up a few work sessions to begin discussion of revisions to the ordinances.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made by Ms. B. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Kreider, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.**

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Lisa Fellows-Weaver,



Land Use Administrative Assistant