

Buckland Planning Board
January 30, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Buckland Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. Open the meeting.
2. Discussion with Alyssa LaRose, FRCOG - Zoning Recommendations from Housing Survey
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
5. Other topics not anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting.
6. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

See attached

MEETING

1. Open the meeting - John Gould opened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.
2. Discussion with Alyssa LaRose, FRCOG: Zoning Recommendations from Housing Survey -
 1. Board introduced themselves to Alyssa LaRose.
 2. Alyssa gave 2 handouts to board. (See attached)
 1. Buckland Housing Plan
 1. Recommendations and strategies specifically for Buckland.
 2. Zoning for Housing Strategies.
 1. Not town specific.
 3. Grant expires June 2019 but is possible to ask for extension
 4. Owner of Lamson-Goodnow property is not interested in using property for housing.
 5. What were recommendations for Buckland as result of survey? Brief board discussion.
 6. John Gould reported that the population of Buckland is shrinking so the use of exiting structures seems a more likely fit for Buckland than new construction.
 7. Also pointed out that new regulations on Airbnb's will help regulate accessory apartments.
 8. Discussions on lot sizes, conforming and non-conforming lots. Are there different set backs for accessory buildings as opposed to primary dwellings? Board discussion.
 9. Are two buildings on one lot the same as an accessory apartment? Would conversion of a barn to multiple apartments be acceptable? Brief discussion on both.

10. Petition can be made by small rural towns for different unit/acre ratio.
11. Board reviewed both handouts from Alyssa with particular attention to the one specific to Buckland. They noted recommendations most suitable to the town.
12. Michael asked if each approach requires an individual public hearing? He also pondered if, while Marijuana Bylaw is still in process, does Board have time to "full on" pursue both?
13. Alyssa's answer to first question was that though funding is good; timing is the issue. Board discussed time factor and need to pursue housing.
14. Meet again on March 14 for Housing.
3. Public Comment - N/A
4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes - N/A
5. Other topics not anticipated by Chair 48 hours prior to meeting - Revisited discussion from meeting of 1/23/19; who is going to preside over public hearing on 2/7/19. Also readdressed presentation of slides; what to include/not to include.
6. Adjourn the meeting - John moved to adjourn. Andrea seconded. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.