

## Dalton Planning Board

Minutes of 11/17/21

On Zoom: Erik Nilsen

In Person: Jo Beth Dudley, Terri Parks, Steve Ordinetz, Gal Potashnick, Carl Lindquist

- Meeting Called to Order 7:05pm
- Previous meeting minutes approved
- Discussion about master plan survey results.
  - Anonymized data can still show surveys done at same IP address. Review (by Kaela/NCC and also Carl) of those few surveys received from duplicate IP address did not show any that were identical and in fact most were quite different points of view. Different times, some long comments/some none, some answered a given question and others did not, etc..
  - Couples/families would fall in this “common IP address” category, also those assisting neighbors with poor/no internet.
  - The vast majority of responses came from different IP addresses. After reviewing the responses there is no reason to believe the data has been skewed.
  - This data represents a cross section of opinions. None of this data is considered absolute and as a whole it is being utilized by the planning board to show general trends and opinions.
  - Consideration has also been given for statistical error of all of the percentages from the survey summary.
  - Some comments about increasing business (retail, restaurant) in town. These businesses generally require infrastructure (town water and sewer) to be in place already. Towns like Littleton and Lancaster are obviously leading choices for those types of businesses because of their existing infrastructure.
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  - 2020 Census results show 4.7% reduction in town population. Unclear exactly why but does not necessary represent a reduction in occupied houses, may be more along the lines of “couple replaces a family” in a given house.
  - The planning board now understands the opinions of the town related to the master plan and will now go back to working on the draft zoning ordinance with those opinions in mind.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Next meeting 11/17/21 7pm