

Dalton Planning Board

Minutes of 9/7/22

On Zoom:

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

- Meeting Called to order 7:02pm
- Reviewed/approved previous minutes.

- Mark Vander-Heyden presented the Ennis-Hudak lot line adjustment for final review and the Planning Board accepted the application and voted to approve.

- Ruth Duval asked the board to sign an application for renovation in order to get state funding. Carl will send a document that states Dalton has no zoning and therefore no approval is required from the town for the work Ruth plans to do.

- Martha and Mike Trudeau came before the board to get approval for a subdivision. Since it had not followed the usual procedure (no application was completed and therefore no notice was put in the newspapers) it could not be approved at this time. The Trudeaus were asked to complete the subdivision application and submit to the Planning Board in time for the newspapers to be noticed for the October 5th meeting.

- Gary Greenwood, Alan Rexford and Mary Anne Borowski came before the board to discuss the Twin State Rails to Trails Project and the Cross NH Adventure Trail.
 - In pursuit of these projects they need to write to the state and request “rail banking” since the railbed is currently state property.
 - Their request is for the town of Dalton to sign on as a supporter of these projects.
 - Planning Board will forward this to the Conservation Commission and Select Board.

- Kaela/North Country Council-Master Plan Review
 - Discussion of Transportation section including data that Kaela has found about Dalton.
 - State roads have an opportunity for funding of improvements via the state 10yr plan
 - Within Dalton 58% of roads are categorized as Class V
 - State classifications are primary but also there are functional classifications
 - Strava-a social media app for bicycle rides. Demonstrates some level of actual usage of various routes in town. Can be used to understand where riders choose to go (scenic, challenging, wide roads, etc) and choose not to go (poor road condition? narrow?, etc)
 - Traffic volume data taken by state every 3yrs but 2015 data is the most recent available.
 - No “Redlisted” bridges in Dalton, that is a good thing for us

- No state “10yr plan” projects scheduled in Dalton. Harder to get grant funding if we are not part of this activity. We need to solicit the Regional Transportation Council in order to engage in this process. 10yr plan is always oversubscribed so it is competitive.
- Dalton data shows 1.3% of residents have no car. We are lower than most surrounding towns.
- Fairly high carpool usage. 54 people commuting into Dalton, 437 commuting out of Dalton.
- Slight increase in accidents over the years. Distracted driving with electronic devices? Substance abuse/DUI? Unknown.
- Scott Kleinschrodt voiced his concern that the Dalton master plan survey was not as good as the one done by Jefferson. Jim Dannis agreed and sent an email to that effect.
 - Planning Board reiterated that the master plan is a long term process to develop, section by section. Also, it was explained that the master plan is a guidepost for the town rather than a set of rules.

Meeting adjourned 9:52pm

Next meeting 10/5/22 7pm