

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes 5/17/2024

### **Call to order: 5:40**

Attendees: Jeff Tilton, Annie Schools, Bill Baker, Dave Ransom

Virtual: none

### **Approve last meetings minutes** Annie motion, Jeff second

**MERP assessment-** Annie relayed Select Board opinions to not apply for MERP funding. Dave asked to have the MERP assessment re-emailed. There is a grant available to help cover costs up to \$500,000, but the grant application is due 9/27, which is not enough time to thoroughly look into it and apply.

Planning Commission members agree that we want to be more proactive about getting grant money back for our town.

It would behoove us to have some sort of “plan of action” on towns buildings, and get a nod of approval on what projects we want to pursue so that we can be proactive about looking for good grant opportunities. A 1, 5, 10 year plan in unison with the selectboard is the goal.

Annie will communicate this to the selectboard and find a good time to meet about this.

**The Historical Society** is making a formal board with 2 year terms and currently accepting applicants (through a cover letter sent to Cay Wright). Planning Commission members are encouraged to “recruit” or reach out to Waterville residents to apply. Also, the bathrooms in historical society space are being converted into closet space for historical society and town listers.

**Adding a flag to the town clerk’s office:** Brandi has planted flowers and wants it to be a welcoming and easy to find space for residents.

**Food truck:** Rebecca was not able to connect with the food truck she mentioned last meeting (they weren’t at the event she attended, like she had hoped). Continue to pursue vendors as a board.

**Act 133:** Other towns in Lamoille county are currently offering online links and recording meetings. The Planning Commission will continue to follow the Select Board’s lead on this matter.

**6:26** Bill motion to end meeting Annie second