

LEVERETT PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of April 17 Meeting

Members present: Tim Shores (virtual), Molly Daniel (virtual), Tom Ewing, Steve Freedman, Van Stoddard, Richard Natthorst

Member absent: Swan Keyes

Others present: Emily Innes, Ewen Innes, Carol Heim

Tom Ewing (chair) called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The major business of this meeting was a first review of the Comprehensive Plan draft. The issues addressed are many and varied and these minutes will not restate all of them. The most important issue is clearly housing.

- Affordable
- Senior friendly

These can be addressed through zoning – reduced lot sizes, multiple dwelling units on a single lot, and perhaps other strategies – with an eye towards infrastructure issues.

Once the final plan is approved, the PB should prioritize a review of zoning as it relates to these housing issues.

*Tom has been in touch with the developers of the Kittredge property and reports that they are leaning toward working through section 40B of the state housing code which would involve the Leverett ZBA most directly. The Planning Board may have a small role but would not be the major player in town approval.

*Richard said that the Flood Plain maps are being finalized by the state and the Board will need to turn attention there once we receive them.

*It was the final meeting for Van Stoddard who is not running for re-election. The Board thanked Van for his many years of service.

Submitted by Steve Freedman