

OPEN SPACE ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH 25, 2025

A Planning Board Subcommittee on the Open Space Ordinance

Date: March 25, 2025

Time Began: 7PM

Time Ended: 8:34 PM

In Attendance: Betty Vaughan, Jim Raymond, Barbara Griffin, Colleen Mailloux, David Neiman, Evelyn Miller, Bruce Buttrick

Actions Taken: Discussed/reviewed the issues of concern as to our OS Ordinance which were discussed last meeting which included but were not limited to size of lots, yield plan, need for contiguous open space, management and ownership of the open space portion of the development. Reviewed issues that had been agreed to look into. Barbara passed out chart describing towns and Hooksett and Litchfield. Trigger was primarily acreage 20 acres, and open space portion of development was usually 50%. Rather than decide what ordinance should be issue by issue, agreed to discuss overall and then get into specifics when working on creation/changes to Ordinance. Colleen presented a list of and reviewed permitted uses. Some definitions are included in our Development Regulations. Members should get copies of zoning ordinance and dev. regs. Bruce presented a handout which included information on zoning requirements. Evelyn talked about the various yield plan and found that many communities provide density bonuses, which Goffstown does not. Jim presented ownership and management alternatives. Discussion occurred on enforcement and Town's obligations. Decided it would be useful to find out how much undeveloped land is in Goffstown. David will get listing of parcels that might qualify and are at least 20 acres, Colleen will talk to code Enforcement to determine what issues might have occurred or be an issue. Next meeting set for April 15 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn – Evelyn 2nd by Bruce 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Mailloux