



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**Minutes
School & Town Services Study Committee (STSSC)
August 5th, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Present:

Peter D'Agostino, Chair (voting)
Colleen Micavich, Vice Chair (voting)
Scott Grenier, Secretary, Planning Board Representative (voting)
Charlie Corey, Town Services Representative (voting)
Ken Haag, School Board Representative (voting)
Michele Decoteau, Member (voting)
Steve Russo, Select Board Representative (voting)

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

CONSENT AGENDA (Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any member for separate discussion and vote).

A. Approve Minutes – July 15, 2021

Ken moved, seconded by Steve, to approve the minutes of the July 1st, 2021; Voted Yes 7-0.

REVIEW MAIL FOLDER

Received an email about an opportunity to attend a State Planners Lunch and Learn regarding Developing an Ordinance on August 19th. Recommend Committee members attend,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES/PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

A. Update on engagement with the following entities
a. SAU41 – update regarding ongoing efforts

Ken provided an update that detailed cost for school updates is expected in September. Reconfiguration of class layouts should allow RMMS to accommodate the expected number of students for the next 2 years.

Steve asked about historical enrollments reaching 658 students in 2009 and 650 in 2010 and why we now feel that 618 is more than we can accommodate. **Ken** stated that changes in maximum class sizes reduced the school's capacity and that Brookline maximum class sizes are lower than the state maximum class sizes. NESDEC projections show sustained growth starting in earlier classes; K-4 vs 6-8 which has more impact on RMMS.

b. Brookline Departments

Peter recommended we determine what recommendations we intend to present and what data will make sense to support the recommendations.

c. Well Water Committee

Buddy Doherty and Lindsay Machado joined the meeting to discuss the findings of the 2020 Well and Water Committee. Group discussed the first proposal regarding requiring hydrogeologic studies for all new sub-divisions. Lindsay stated the intention is to ensure adequate water supply for planned developments as well as existing homes. She suggested that the study should be completed by a company of the towns choosing. Michele indicated that sub-division regulations can require that developers use an expert of our choosing. Lindsay shared the experience of residence in a sub-division in town which was not studied prior to development and residents are now conducting the study at their own expense. The group agreed that the proposal makes sense to include in the School and Town Services Study Committee recommendations.

Group discussed the second proposal to establish a Minimum yield and pump depth requirements for all newly drilled wells. Lindsay stated that the State of NH has no regulations regarding the quantity of water produced by a well or the placement of the pump, but that towns have the ability to implement their own. New Hampshire Water Well Board recommends (5 gallons per minutes for two hours or total capacity of 600 GPM in a two -hour period) and the New Hampshire Water Well Association recommends (4 GPM for four hours). Group discussed the need for pump depth regulations. **Charlie** stated that the cost of installing a pump increases based on the depth of the pump so builders have incentive to install a pump at the minimum depth that produces water, even if the depth of the well could support a deeper pump. Lindsay shared that the cost of lowering her own well pump has been approximately \$10k. Requiring a pump depth that is equidistant between the static water level and the bottom of the well will save homeowners the unexpected expense of lowing a pump after moving in.

B. Update on Priority Items

Discussed priority items for next meetings

Peter and Michele met to review the existing Workforce Housing Ordinance. Peter stated that the State RSA indicates that all sub-division regulations apply with the stated exceptions in a towns Workforce Housing Ordinance. The Brookline WF Housing Ordinance is missing some of the regulation opportunities that we have available. Peter added a draft WF Housing ordinance with highlighted changes to the google drive. The intention of the changes is to conform to the RSA. Requested that all members review the document prior to the next meeting to be prepared to discuss.

Peter took the action to review the Sub-Division regulation requiring a hydrogeologic study of all new developments. Will post a draft to the Google Drive by August 20th for the group to review prior to the August 24th meeting.

MEMBER'S CONCERNS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

REVIEW NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Review of Draft Ordinances
Review Recommendations for the Planning board

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for August 24th at 6pm in the Fire Station Conference room. (4 Bond St)

ADJOURNMENT

Ken moved, seconded by Charlie to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 7-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51pm