

## Appleton Planning Board

### March 11/2024 Meeting minutes

Present: Board members Ed Carroll, Gary Roberts, David Kelley, Greg Dumond, Dan Wyman  
Code Enforcement Officer Peter Conant  
Comprehensive Plan Committee Representative Sid Quarrier

- 1) The minutes of the 2/12/24 meeting were reviewed and revised. The revised minutes were approved.
- 2) Sid Quarrier appeared to update the Board on the Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing on the Plan is scheduled for March 21. As an overview, it was noted that the Plan is being updated in order to gain State approval, which could lead to increased access to grant funding. The current Plan was approved by the Town in the past, but not submitted to the State.  
The Comprehensive Plan Committee conducted a survey of residents, and one of the conclusions was that residents did not want to see any significant changes. A draft of the Plan has been submitted to the State for unofficial approval prior to Town vote. Maps included in the Plan were reviewed, including a proposed “growth area” centered on the intersection of Magog Rd and Route 105. This could potentially be an area with smaller lot size requirements and denser housing. A “transitional area” at the Town Center was also reviewed. Due to topography, the Town Center area was thought not to be appropriate for a growth area. A transitional area designation may allow more access to State funding for infrastructure.  
The transitional and growth areas of the Plan were described as ideas for the Town to consider. Existing ordinances would not be effected by adoption of the Plan and its designation of areas. Copies of the proposed Plan are available online and at the Town Office and Library.
- 3) LD 2003, affordable housing. Ed Carroll will prepare a memo regarding the Board’s conclusion that there is no need for any changes to existing ordinances and will ask Maine Municipal Association to review.
- 4) Adjourned.