

STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION
November 18, 2019

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Present: Steve Willbanks, Chair; Stuart Crocker; Donald Graham; Mike Scanlan; Martha Walke.

Guests: John Echeverria; Bob Johnston

Call to order: 7:05PM

1. Minutes from October 21 meeting accepted with one change.
2. Bob Johnston, chair of the Historic Preservation Committee chair, presented a report on their activities to date. This committee has helped Strafford obtain federal recognition as a CLG. It now needs to be in the Town Plan that we are a CLG. The committee is finishing a survey of the town and have, to date, identified over 130 structures and sites. There is a need for community understanding of what our CLG status involves and how we are obligated to enforce state acts concerning historic preservation. The Planning Commission, with help from TRORC, would need to write an ordinance to help enforce the obligations of historic preservation in the two villages.
3. Discussion of the Newbury subdivision standards vs Strafford's. Kevin Geiger prefers Newbury's to Strafford's.
4. Requested budget figure for the Planning Commission for 2020 was increased to \$2000.
5. Donald reviewed subdivision procedures. Decided a pre-application meeting was better as it was only informational.

Adjourned: 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary