

**ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD MEETING**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2016**

Note: These minutes are furnished for public inspection in accordance with RSA 91-A:2 and are unapproved until offered for disposition by the Board at a regular meeting. **ACCEPTED AS READ 11/14/16.**

PB Members present: Peter Rhoades/Chairman, David Konesko, Joyce Curll, and Matt Saxton/Alternate to the ex officio. Chris Hanson/Budget Committee was also present.

Rhoades/Chairman opened the Meeting at 7:00PM. At 7:15pm, the Bragg Lane Public Hearing was opened. It was noted that on 10/26/16 the Planning Board will be meeting with the Budget Committee at 6:30pm to discuss the CIP Plan.

Different uses for Bragg Lane were discussed:

community garden space  
Food Shelf/Friendly Meal  
athletic fields  
potential access to Vilas Pool  
elderly housing  
public use  
public parking  
town wide yard sale

emergency services building  
town hall  
municipal swimming pool  
skate park  
housing development  
workforce housing  
build a pavilion  
farmers market

Saxton stated that when the property was purchased it was all about long range planning. Hanson stated that the Budget Committee has spoken about the property – what it is going to be/what is it good to use for/are we losing tax dollars/revenue by keeping it, etc. Rhoades stated when the purchase was made, the Bragg Lane property was the only downtown land available in the foreseeable future (adding that the only other property that may become available is the Blanchflower Lumber site).

Saxton asked if the Budget Committee could find money to have the property cleaned up/flattened out – making the property walkable, moveable, useful, flat and green. It was noted that soccer fields would not cost a lot; that a farmer could harvest it for hay; that Community Fitness Grants may be available. Hanson stated that \*the Budget Committee would like to see a Warrant Article on this, but \*an estimate of cost would be needed – Saxton stated that a goal would be to \*do this initial process in 2017. \*Potential people (Lonn Livengood or Jeff Marsden) were discussed to give an estimate. Curll stated it is important to reach out to interested parties in town (such as the Orchard School, the Budget Committee, etc).

A Motion (Saxton/Curll) was made to adjourn the Meeting. The Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11/14/16 AT 7:00PM AT THE ALSTEAD TOWN OFFICES.**