

# **TOWN OF HUDSON**

# Planning Board

Timothy Malley, Chairman

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# MINUTES/DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2025

In attendance $= X$	Alternate Seated $=$ S	Partial Attendance = P	Excused Absence $=$ E
Tim Malley	Jordan Ulery	Ed Van der Veen	Victor Oates
Chair <u>X</u>	Vice-Chair <u>X</u>	Member <u>X</u>	Member <u>X</u>
James Crowley	Tim Lyko	George Hall	
Member <u>X</u>	Member <u>X</u>	Alternate <u>X</u>	
Todd Boyer	Bob Guessferd	Dave Morin	Jay Minkarah
Alternate <u>X</u>	Select. Rep <u>X</u>	Alt. Select. Rep. <u>E</u>	Town Rep. <u>X</u>

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 7:00 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES None.
- V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
  - 11 December 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Oates moved to approve the December 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. Motion carried 6/0/1 (Van der Veen).

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Colbea Enterprises, LLC Site Plan SP# 09-23

14 Brenton Ave, 7 Atwood Ave, & 91, 95, 97 Lowell Rd Map 198/Lots 11, 12, 14, 15, & 16

Purpose: to depict the construction of a proposed gas station with convenience store, consisting of six (6) dispenser islands for a total of twelve (12) fueling stations, along with a proposed car wash, and associated improvements including but not limited to, access, grading, stormwater management, utilities, lighting, and landscaping (Continued from the October 23, 2023 meeting).

Mr. Oates moved to defer the public hearing for the Colbea Enterprises, LLC Site Plan Application at 14 Brenton Ave, 7 Atwood Ave, & 91, 95, 97 Lowell Rd, Hudson, NH, Map 198 / Lots 011, 012, 014, 015, & 016, to date certain, February 12, 2025.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment Warrant Articles for the 2025 March Town Meeting.

#### Item 1 Rural Residential District

Establish a new Rural Residential District (RR) to encompass portions of the existing G-1 District generally east of the Circumferential Highway ROW, south of the Clement Industrial Park and the R1 and R2 Districts on or about Sullivan Road, and north/northwest of Gowing Road and change portions of the G-1 District on or about Sheffield Street, Greenfield Drive, Clement Road, Telolian Drive, James Way and Orchard Park Lane to R-2 to reflect the established character of those neighborhoods.

Amend Article IV, Establishment of Districts, Section 334-17 Districts enumerated; Zoning Map, to include a new Rural Residential District as follows:

Full Name Short Name

Rural Residential RR

Amend Article IV, Establishment of Districts, Section 334-18 Districts described, to include a new subsection D to read as follows and to re-letter the remainder of the section accordingly:

D. Rural Residential (RR) District. The RR District encompasses more rural areas of Hudson characterized by conservation land, open space, and low density residential uses. The district is intended to preserve the rural character of these areas while providing opportunities for low density single-family residential development.

Amend Section 334-Attachment 1, Table of Permitted Uses to include a new RR District and to provide that only the following uses are Permitted Uses:

- A.1 Single-Family Residential
- B.1 Use of land for the primary purpose of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, or viticulture on a parcel of more than five acres in area
- B-2 Facilities for the sale of produce, and wine and dairy products
- C-2 Religious Use
- C-3 Cemeteries (permitted by Special Exception only)
- C-4 Municipal
- C-5 Water towers, reservoirs and sewer and water pumping stations
- C-7 Schools, public/private

Amend Section 334-Attachment 2, Table of Permitted Accessory Uses to include a new RR District and to provide that only the following Accessory uses are permitted:

Traditional secondary accessory uses and structures, including garages, toolsheds, parking areas, recreational facilities, outdoor in-ground swimming pools and other customary uses and structures.

Home Occupations (permitted by Special Exception only)

Family day-care home

Nonprofit Recreational facilities including membership clubs (permitted by Special Exception only where secondary to and developed as a part of a residential subdivision or site plan)

Garaging or parking of one light commercial vehicle

Amend Section 334-Attachment 4, Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements, to include a new RR District and with the following dimensional requirements:

Minimum lot area (square feet) 87,120

Minimum lot frontage (lineal feet) 200 Ft

Building setbacks (front/side/rear in feet) 50/30/30

Public input opened & closed @ 7:02 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Oates moved to send Item 1 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

# Item 2 Definition for Snow Dump

# Amend Article II Terminology, Section 334-6 Definitions to include a new definition as follows:

### **SNOW DUMP**

An area where snow, transported from an off-site location, is deposited for storage or disposal.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:04 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Crowley moved to send Item 2 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

*Motion seconded by Mr. Oates. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.* 

# Item 3 Amend Section 334-15 Parking, to clarify the prohibition against outdoor parking and storage of more than one (1) uninspected vehicle.

## Existing Section 334-15 B (1) reads as follows:

- B. Parking Prohibited. Parking or storage of vehicles or trailers in excess of the amounts specified in this section is prohibited.
- (1) Outdoor storage of more than one unregistered motor vehicle per residential unit.

**Amend Section 334-15 B (1) to read as follows** (language to be removed shown in **bold strikeout**; language to be added shown in **bold italics**):

- B. Parking Prohibited. Parking or storage of vehicles or trailers in excess of the amounts specified in this section is prohibited.
- (1) Outdoor storage of more than one unregistered *or uninspected* motor vehicle per residential unit.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:05 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Crowley moved to send Item 3 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Item 4 Amend Section 334-15 B. Parking Prohibited, and Article II Terminology, to define tractor trailers and prohibit the parking or storage of tractor trailers in certain residential zoning districts.

Amend Article II Terminology, Section 334-6 Definitions to include a new definition as Follows:

**Commercial Trailer:** shall mean a trailer that is designed to be hitched or attached to, or lifted and to transport, carry, haul, or store property, goods, cargo, or other commercial items.

## Amend Section 334-15 Parking, to include a new Section 334-15 B. (5) to read as follows:

The parking or storage of any commercial trailer that requires a king pin to be hitched to a vehicle. This is prohibited in any residential or TR, R-1, or R-2 district. This regulation shall not be construed as prohibiting such trailers from loading or unloading in such districts in servicing uses therein.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:06 P.M. – No public input. Mr. Crowley moved to send Item 4 to the 2025 Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Oates. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Item 5 Amend Section 334-31 A to allow the reconstruction of a nonconforming structure where it is found to be "unsafe."

### Existing Section 334-31 A reads as follows:

A nonconforming structure may not be altered or expanded, except by variance. A nonconforming structure may be altered, reconstructed, externally, or structurally modified, provided that such alterations, reconstruction, extension, or structural modification does not make any portion or portions of the existing structure more nonconforming. A nonconforming structure cannot be reconstructed after demolition, except when the structure was demolished by an act of God, fire, or flood. A nonconforming building or a building occupied by a nonconforming use may be strengthened and made safe. [Amended 3-9-2004]

**Amend Section 334-31 A to read as follows** (language to be removed shown in **bold strikeout**; language to be added shown in **bold italics**):

A nonconforming structure may not be altered or expanded, except by variance. A nonconforming structure may be altered, reconstructed, externally, or structurally modified, provided that such alterations, reconstruction, extension, or structural modification does not make any portion or portions of the existing structure more nonconforming. A nonconforming structure cannot be reconstructed after demolition, except when the structure was demolished by an act of God, fire or flood *or is found unsafe as determined by the Building Inspector or his/her designee*. A nonconforming building or a building occupied by a nonconforming use may be strengthened and made safe. [Amended 3-9-2004 3-11/2024]

Public input opened & closed @ 7:07 P.M. – No public input. Mr. Lyko moved to send Item 5 to the 2025 Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Crowley. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Item 6 Amend Article IV Establishment of Districts and Article II Terminology, to define "split zoned lots" and provide that such lots shall be governed in their entirety by the requirements of the zone that encompasses the largest portion of lot.

## Amend Article II Terminology, Section 334-6 Definitions to include a new definition as follows:

### SPLIT ZONED LOT

A split zoned lot is a lot located in two or more zoning districts and divided by a zoning district boundary.

### Amend Article IV Establishment of District to include a new subsection 334-23 to read as follows:

# §334-23 Split-Zoned Lots.

When a lot is transected by a zoning district boundary, the regulations of this Zoning Ordinance applicable to the larger part by area of such lot shall be deemed to govern the smaller part of the lot.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:09 P.M. – No public input. Mr. Oates moved to NOT send Item 6 to the 2025 Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Crowley. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

# Item 7 Amend Section 334-9 B (4) to replace the term "Retail and service" to "Commercial" to be consistent with the Table of Permitted Uses.

Existing Section 334-9 B (4) reads as follows:

#### § 334-9 Land use classifications.

- **A.** For the purposes of this chapter, all uses or activities are considered to fall into one of five land use classifications. The Table of Permitted Principal Uses in Article V, § 334-21, further divides each land use class into various related categories.
- **B.** Use classifications shall be as follows:
  - (1) Residential.
  - (2) Community facilities.
  - (3) Agricultural.
  - (4) Retail and service.
  - (5) Industrial.

**Amend Section 334-9 B (1) to read as follows** (language to be removed shown in **bold strikeout**; language to be added shown in **bold italics**):

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- **B.** Use classifications shall be as follows:
  - (1) Residential.
  - (2) Community facilities.
  - (3) Agricultural.
  - (4) Retail and service Commercial.
  - (5) Industrial.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:31 P.M. – No public input. *Mr. Lyko moved to send Item 7 to the 2025 Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Crowley. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.* 

Item 8 Amend Section 334-Attachment 4, Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements, to include a new lot width requirement to read as follows:

Minimum Lot Width R1 R2 TR B I G G-1 RR\* 120 120 90 150 150 150 200 200\*

Amend the Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements, to include a new note 3 to read as follows:

- 3. Minimum lot width is measured between the side lot lines at the minimum front yard setback line.
- \* Contingent on passage of Article 2

Public input opened & closed @ 7:32 P.M. – No public input. Mr. Crowley moved to send Item 8 to the 2025 Town Ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Oates. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Item 9 Amend Article II Terminology, Section 334-6 Definitions to update the definition of "Abutter" to reflect recent changes in state law:

Existing Section 334-6 in relevant part reads as follows:

### **ABUTTER**

Any person whose property is located in New Hampshire and adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration by the local land use board as defined in RSA 672:3. For purposes of receipt of notification by a municipality of a local land use board hearing, in the case of an abutting property being under a condominium or other collective form of ownership, the term "ABUTTER" means the officers of the collective or association, as defined in New Hampshire RSA 356-B:3, XXIII

**Amend Section 334-6 in relevant part to read as follows** (language to be removed shown in **bold strikeout**; language to be added shown in **bold** italics):

## **ABUTTER**

Any person whose property adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration by the Board. "Directly across the street or stream" shall be determined by lines drawn perpendicular from all pairs of corner boundaries along the street or stream of the applicant to pairs of projected points on any property boundary across the street or stream that intersect these perpendicular lines. Any property that lies along the street or stream between each pair of projected points or is within 50 feet of any projected point shall be considered an abutter. If an abutting property is under condominium or other collective form of ownership, the officers of the collective or association as defined in RSA 356-B:3, XXIII, shall receive the formal notification. For purposes of receipt of notification by a municipality of a local land use board hearing, in the case of an abutting property being under a manufactured housing park form of ownership as defined in RSA 205-A:1, II, the term " abutter " includes the manufactured housing park owner and the tenants who own manufactured housing which adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration by the local land use board. For purposes of receiving testimony only, and not for the

purpose of notification, the term "abutter" shall include any person who is able to demonstrate that his land will be directly affected by the proposal under consideration. (Adopted March 2009; Amended 2025)

Public input opened & closed @ 7:35 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Oates moved to send Item 9 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

# Item 10 Amend Article VII Signs to permit contractor signs only during periods of active site work.

## Existing Section 334-58 B in relevant part reads as follows:

### § 334-58 Permit required; exemptions.

- **B.** The following signs may be erected without a permit and are not included in the maximum signs area allowed unless otherwise indicated, but must comply with all other requirements of this chapter as stated herein:
- (1) Historic plaques or markers no greater than two square feet in area.
- (2) Contractor job signs no greater than 12 square feet.

## Amend Section 334-58 B to read in relevant part as follows (language to be added shown in bold italics):

- **B.** The following signs may be erected without a permit and are not included in the maximum signs area allowed unless otherwise indicated, but must comply with all other requirements of this chapter as stated herein:
  - (1) Historic plaques or markers no greater than two square feet in area.
  - (2) Contractor job signs no greater than 12 square feet. Contractor signs are temporary and may be posted only during active on-site work such as construction and landscaping.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:36 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Oates moved to send Item 10 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

Motion seconded by Mr. Van der Veen. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

#### Item 11 Minimum Setbacks for Sheds

Amend Section 334-Attachment 4, Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements, to include a new Note #4 to reduce the minimum setback for all sheds 200 square feet or less in area from 15 feet to 5-feet.

### New Section 334-Attachment 4, Note 4 to read as follows:

4. Sheds equal to or less than 200 square feet in area must be setback a minimum of 5 feet from any side or rear lot line.

Public input opened & closed @ 7:43 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend Item 11 to drop note #4 and add Section 334-27.1.C requirements.

Motion seconded by Mr. Oates, Motion withdrawn by the Mr. Crowley & Mr. Oates.

Mr. Oates moved to table item 11. Motion seconded by Mr. Crowley. Motion failed 2/5/0 (Van der Veen, Ulery, Malley, Guessferd, & Lyko).

Mr. Lyko moved to send Item 11 to the January 22, 2025 public hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Van der Veen. Motion carried 4/3/0 (Oates, Crowley, & Ulery).

### Item 12 Mixed Use Village District

Establish a new Mixed-Use Village District (MUVD) in one or more areas on or about major arterials and/or commercial corridors in town. District boundaries, lot size, density and setback requirements to be determined.

Amend Article IV, Establishment of Districts, Section 334-17 Districts enumerated; Zoning Map, to include a new Mixed Use District as follows:

**Full Name**Mixed Use District

MUVD

Amend Article IV, Establishment of Districts, Section 334-18 Districts described, to include a new subsection to read as follows and to re-letter the section accordingly:

Mixed Use Village District (MUV District aims to blend residential, commercial, civic, and recreational spaces while preserving the New England character, prioritizing sustainability, and fostering community engagement. Permitted uses would include single-family homes, townhouses, and low-rise apartments together with shops, cafes, restaurants, and various civic uses.

Public input opened & closed @ 8:09 P.M. – No public input.

Mr. Oates made a motion to remove the word "Village" from Item 12, as Mr. Ulery stated RSA 52:1, Terminology of Village District, doesn't meet the definition. Motion seconded by Mr. Ulery. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Mr. Oates moved to send Item 12 to the 2025 Town Ballot.

Motion seconded by Mr. Van der Veen. All in favor – motion carried 7/0/0.

Chairman Malley put the Board in recess @ 8:35, and back in session @ 8:39.

Mr. Todd Boyer presented the Petition Warrant Article for the 2025 Town Ballot.

# Item 13 Rezone Parcels from Residential-2 to Business – Proposed by Petition.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from Residential-2 (R-2) to Business (B) the following parcels of land: Tax Map 168, Lot 118-000 (7 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 119-000 (5 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 120-000 (6 A & B Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 121-000 (238 Central St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 122-000 (4 Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 123-000 (6 C & D Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 124-000 (6 E, F, & W Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-000 (8 Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-001 (9 A & B Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 126-000 (10 Windham Rd.).

Public input opened & closed @ 8:49 P.M.

Mr. Lyko moved to recommend the Petition Warrant Article.

Motion seconded by Mr. Ulery -5/2/0 (Oates & Crowley).

# VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulery moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Lyko. All in favor motion carried 7/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Ed Van der Veen, Secretary

Mr. Ulery accepted the minutes on 02/12/25. Motion seconded by Mr. Crowley. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Note: Planning Board minutes are not a transcript. For full details on public input comments, please view the meeting on HCTV (Hudson Community Television).