| 1 | TOWN OF ALTON PLANNING BOARD |
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| 2 | IOWN OF ALION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING |
| 23 | Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. |
| 4 | Alton Town Hall |
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| 6 | MEMBERS PRESENT |
| 7 | Andrew Carter, Chair |
| 8 | Roger Sample, Vice Chair |
| 9 | William O'Neil, Clerk |
| 10 | Scott Williams, Member |
| 11 | Tom Diveny, Member |
| 12 | Doug Brown, Member |
| 13 | Lee Hillsgrove, Member |
| 14 | Christine O'Brien, Alternate Member |
| 15 | Nick Buonopane, Board of Selectmen's Representative |
| 16 17 | Tom Hoopes, Alternate Member |
| 17 | OTHERS PRESENT |
| 19 | Jessica Call, Town Planner |
| 20 | Norma Dietri, Building Inspector |
| 21 | Tara Banford, Planning Consultant – via telephone |
| 22 | Amy Grimm, property owner |
| 23 | Cindy Terry, Wilcox & Barton Civil Engineers |
| 24 | Chris Solomon, architect |
| 25 | John Cronin, Esq. |
| 26 | Dana Hough, Tighe & Bond |
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| 28 | CALL TO ORDER |
| 29 | Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. |
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| 31 | Introductions were made of the Board members. |
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| 33 | AGENDA REVIEW |
| 34 | Ms. Call added under Other Business: approval of release of Road Bond for Dobbins Brook for |
| 35 | Phase 1 and 2 paving; Board positions for re-election. |
| 36 | MOTION. To second the second second of Medica her Medication Second her Me |
| 37 | MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. |
| 38 39 | Buonopane. Motion passed unanimously. |
| 40 | Public Hearing: Town Warrant Articles – Proposed Zoning Amendments |
| 40 41 | See attached. |
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| 43 | Chair Carter read the public notice for the proposed zoning amendments into the record. The |
| 44 | Board reviewed and discussed the amendments. |
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| 46 | Mr. Diveny stated he has a concern about #3 relating to the quality of roads in rural zones, noting |
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| 47 | the road qualities throughout town can vary so much; he stated there needs to be some kind of a |
| 48 | factor involved to ensure the capacity of the road can be met. Mr. Williams stated that will be |
| 49 | difficult and explain the classification of a Class V road. Mr. Buonopane stated he agrees and |
| 50 | there needs to be specific language addressing the use of the roads and whether the road can |
| 51 | handle the traffic produced by a proposed subdivision. Ms. Banford suggested that would be |
| 52 | addressed in the subdivision regulations; she stated flexible zoning allows for a 20% increase in |
| 53 | volume. Ms. Call stated any changes need to be drafted tonight at this public hearing. |
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| 55 | Mr. Hillsgrove stated he doesn't agree with changing the minimum lot sizes and road frontages; |
| 56 | he stated there are already criteria in place and he doesn't agree with the flexible zoning; he |
| 57 | believes there will be increased problems with developers and increased burdens on the Town. |
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| 59 | Mr. Williams explained the process for developing proposed zoning amendments; he stated there |
| 60 | are multiple public meetings; all amendments are forwarded to Town Counsel for review and |
| 61 | approval. He stated many of the items are issues brought up by staff; other items are to align the |
| 62 | Town with RSA requirements and definitions. |
| 63 | Town with Rorr requirements and definitions. |
| 64 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #1. None was |
| 65 | indicated. |
| 66 | indicated. |
| 67 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #1 to the Town Warrant ballot. |
| 68 | Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Buonopane. Motion passed unanimously. |
| 69 | motion by with winnams, second by with buokopane. Motion passed unanimously. |
| 70 | The Board discussed the state definition of a junkyard. Ms. Banford stated the state definition is |
| 70 | more than 2 unregistered vehicles. Mr. Hillsgrove suggested there be an emphasis on that limit |
| 72 | within the amendment. |
| 73 | within the amendment. |
| 74 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #2. |
| 75 | Chan Carter opened the hearing to input nom the public relating to Amendment #2. |
| 76 | John Gilligan, resident, stated he agrees with Mr. Hillsgrove's suggested to help voters easily |
| 77 | understand what is being proposed. The Board discussed having more details added to the |
| 78 | rationale. |
| 78 79 | Tationale. |
| 80 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #2 to the Town Warrant ballot. |
| 80 81 | Motion by Mr. Buonopane. Second by Mr. Williams. Motion passed 8-1-0. Mr. Hillsgrove |
| 82 | opposed. |
| 82 83 | opposed. |
| 83 84 | The Deard discussed Amondment #2 Mr. Hillsgrove reitoreted he desen't agree with reducing |
| 84 85 | The Board discussed Amendment #3. Mr. Hillsgrove reiterated he doesn't agree with reducing lot sizes and road frontage. Mr. Williams stated there is a lot of expense to building roads and |
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| | this will help with lowing the costs for home ownership, and allow people to use closed roads and put more houses on a road. He stated these roads will be built to a different standard and will |
| 87 80 | and put more houses on a road. He stated these roads will be built to a different standard and will not be the remonsibility of the Toyun which is a bonus to toy payors. Mr. Hillegroup stated be is |
| 88 | not be the responsibility of the Town which is a bonus to taxpayers. Mr. Hillsgrove stated he is |
| 89 00 | concerned more developers will come in and ask the Town to take over the roads. He stated he is |
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| 91 | opposed to the expansion of waivers and more condensed development. |

| 92 93 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #3. | | |
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| 94 | A resident stated they moved to Town a few years ago because of the rural nature; she stated she | | |
| 95 | is concerned about the Board members wanting so much development and doesn't believe its | | |
| 96 | beneficial for the people of the Town. She stated there aren't a lot of businesses in Town to bring | | |
| 97 | more people and questioned whether the school system can handle more students. She stated its | | |
| 98 | important to maintain the rural character and it should be up to the residents to decide if | | |
| 99 | development is allowed. Chair Carter stated the intentions in these ordinances are to control | | |
| 100 | where and how developments are created. There was further discussion about the purpose and | | |
| 101 | intentions with the amendment. Mr. Buonopane explained there are a lot of stipulations in place | | |
| 102 | for this scenario and it will be up to voters to accept flexible zoning or not. There was also | | |
| 103 | discussion of the unit sizes. Ms. Banford stated there are no changes to the kinds of dwelling | | |
| 104 | units allowed with in Town, it simply adds it to this zone. The Board agreed to replace the word | | |
| 105 | "homes" with "dwelling units". | | |
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| 107 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #3 to the Town Warrant ballot. | | |
| 108 | Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Buonopane. Motion passed 8-1-0. Mr. Hillsgrove | | |
| 109 | opposed. | | |
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| 111 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #4. None was | | |
| 112 | indicated. | | |
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| 114 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #4 to the Town Warrant ballot. | | |
| 115 | Motion by Mr. Buonopane. Second by Mr. Williams. Motion passed unanimously. | | |
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| 117 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #5. None was | | |
| 118 | indicated. | | |
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| 120 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #5 to the Town Warrant ballot. | | |
| 121 | Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Buonopane. Motion passed unanimously. | | |
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| 123 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #6. None was | | |
| 124 | indicated. | | |
| 125 | Chair Carter stated the surrouse of this among descent is to make the andinance align with state | | |
| 126 | Chair Carter stated the purpose of this amendment is to make the ordinance align with state | | |
| 127 128 | statutes. | | |
| 128 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment #6 to the Town Warrant ballot. | | |
| 129 | Morrow. To move the proposed Zonnig Amenument #0 to the rown warrant bandt. Motion by Mr. Buonopane. Second by Mr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously. | | |
| 130 | Wotton by Wit. Buonopane. Second by Wit. Brown. Wotton passed unanimously. | | |
| 131 | Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public relating to Amendment #7. None was | | |
| 132 | indicated. | | |
| 133 | indicated. | | |
| 135 | Mr. Williams explained the purpose of this is to remove the word "church" and to align better | | |
| 136 | with state statute. | | |
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| 138 139 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendm Motion by Mr. Buonopane. Second by Mr. Brown | | |
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| 142 | indicated. | | |
| 143 | Chair Carter stated the purpose of this amendment is | to make the ordinance aligr | n with state |
| 144 | statutes. | | |
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| 146 | MOTION: To move the proposed Zoning Amendment | nent #8 to the Town Warr | ant ballot. |
| 147 | Motion by Mr. O'Neil. Second by Mr. Buonopane. | . Motion passed unanimor | ısly. |
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| 149 | Chair Carter closed the public hearing on the propose | d zoning amendments at 7: | 20 PM. |
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| 151 | The Board took an 8 minute recess. | | |
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| 153 | 1. Completeness Review of Application and Publi | ic Hearing if Application i | s Accepted as |
| 154 | Complete | | |
| 10 . | Case #P23-23 | Map 34 Lot 33 | Minor Site Plan |
| | Jean & Charlna Croteau, Applicants & Agents | 28 Winni Avenue | Residential Zone (R) |
| | for the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association | 20 () 1111 11 (01100 | |
| | (ABCA), d/b/a the Alton Bay Christian | | |
| | Conference Center (ABCCC), Owner | | |
| 155 | Proposal: To amend an existing site plan to include th | e addition of a 1/2 bathroom | with laundry |
| 156 | facilities. | | r with faulter y |
| 150 | lacinities. | | |
| 157 | Chair Carter read the public notice into the record. Th | a Board reviewed the appli | cation for |
| 158 | completeness. Ms. Call confirmed all submission requ | | |
| 160 | completeness. Wis. Can commined an submission requ | unements were met. | |
| 161 | MOTION: To accept the application for Case #23- | 22 as complete Mation h | w Mn |
| 161 | | - | y IVII'. |
| 162 163 | Buonopane. Second by Mr. Brown. Motion passed | unanniousiy. | |
| 163 164 | Chain Contan confirmed a Special Exponsion was one | aved by the Zoning Doord | of A division ant |
| 164 165 | Chair Carter confirmed a Special Exception was appro- | oved by the Zohnig Board | or Aujustment. |
| 165 | Jean Croteau, applicant, stated they want to put a roug | chly 5 5' y 8' addition to th | air hausa, ha |
| 167 | stated they want to move the laundry upstairs with ac | | ell llouse, lle |
| | stated they want to move the faundry upstans with acc | cess from filside the house. | |
| 168 | Mr. Williams stated he haliaves the name of the plan | design on should be indicate | d on the alone |
| 169 | Mr. Williams stated he believes the name of the plan | - | - |
| 170 | with permission to use the plans. Chair Carter noted S | | • |
| 171 | PLLC has taken ownership and is responsible for plan | - | a on the last |
| 172 | page of the plan there are notes that reference the plan | n from Jeff Green. | |
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| 174 | Ms. Call confirmed the ZBA approved the expansion | | She confirmed a |
| 175 | letter of approval was also received from the campgro | ound. | |
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| 177 | Mr. Hillsgrove questioned the distance between this h | - | |
| 178 | waiver is needed as its less than 20'. Mr. Williams sta | ated concrete board is being | s used in the |

- 179 construction and he is fine with it for the fire protection aspect. Chair Carter noted the ZBA has180 already granted approval. He noted no comments were received from the Fire Department.
- 182 Chair Carter noted the traffic impact is not going to change; the sewer system will not be
- 183 changing; a large tree is being removed that is in the adjacent area. Mr. Croteau stated the
- 184 lighting is not changing and is adequate for safe access to the home. The utilities are not
- 185 changing; the water line will not be affected. The Board agreed 24 months is appropriate for
- 186 substantial completion.
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- 188 Chair Carter opened the hearing to input from the public. None was indicated.
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190 MOTION: To approve Case#23-23 with a one year start and two year completion with all

- 191 Planning Board conditions precedent and subsequent. Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by
- 192 Mr. Buonopane. Motion passed unanimously.
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| 10/ | 2 | Concentual | Consultation |
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| 124 | 4. | CONCEPTION | Consultation |

| Case #P23-26 | Map 16 Lot 20 | Conceptual Consultation |
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| The Lakes Hospitality Group, LLC, | Cherry Valley Road | Rural Zone (RU) |
| Owners | | |

- 195 Proposal: Site Plan and Subdivision review for a Commercial Function Facility, Restaurant, and
- 196 multiple residences.
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198 Chris Solomon, representative for the property owner, stated the lot is 150 acres and they want to

199 create a corporate retreat and event center; it would be a resort facility with a main lodge, guest

- 200 cottages and will be privately operated. He stated the center will have 18 luxury homes and
- 201 cottages; the goal will be to rent the entire facility; there will be a private gated entrance and the
- facility will offer both sleeping and gathering spaces. Mr. Solomon stated there will be an onsite
- shuttle service. He stated the property is on a hillside with panoramic views looking to Lake
- Winnipesaukee; there will be wooded lots and they want to subdivide the lot into 20 individual
- 205 parcels, which will not be individually sold and rented with the entire facility. There will be a 206 road built to Town specifications. The houses will be single family homes with bathrooms.
- bedrooms and kitchens, ranging from 1500 to 3,000 square feet in size. There will be a fire
- 207 octations and Kitchens, ranging from 1500 to 5,000 square feet in size. There will be a life 208 cistern on the property; there will be sprinkler systems in the homes and meeting areas. There
- will be solar panels installed on the property to support the electrical needs of the property. There
- will be walking trails throughout the property; there will be various parking areas on the
- 211 property. There will be a main club house, tennis courts and a swimming pool.
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- 213 Mr. Williams noted the Town of Gilford will also need to be notified as an abutting town. Ms.
- 214 Call stated that will occur when the Design Review Phase is started and the Board will need to
- 215 determine whether there is a regional impact. An Alteration of Terrain permit from NH DES will
- be required.
- 217
- 218 Mr. Solomon stated they will have a storm maintenance and operations plan and a clear
- 219 description which is defined by the State regulations. He stated they want to be responsible
- 220 neighbors and intend to keep all entertainment and music inside the buildings; he explained the

| 221 | plans for all the lighting and it will be dark-sky compliant; a traffic study has been completed |
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| 222 | and submitted to the State of New Hampshire. There will be caretaker facilities as well. |
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| 224 | Chair Carter stated the future presentation will need to include phases and goals as well. Mr. |
| 225 | Solomon stated they plan to start the road construction this spring with the home foundations |
| 226 | going in next summer. |
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| 228 | John Cronin, Esq., stated public access to the restaurant is undetermined at this point as the plans |
| 229 | are still be reviewed by insurance. He stated they will have more information at the next |
| 230 | presentation regarding the phasing but they don't know what the market will be at the time, |
| 231 | particularly regarding the cottages. |
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| 233 | Other Business: |
| 234 | 1. Old Business: |
| 235 | a. Discussion with Town Engineer, Tighe & Bond, re: fee schedule |
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| 237 | Dana Hough, Tighe & Bond, presented a fee schedule for review by the Board. He explained the |
| 238 | breakdowns of the costs; he stated they have nearly 600 professionals that work for them and |
| 239 | have a vast base of expertise and resources. The Board discussed the differences between the |
| 240 | various quotes received for engineering services. |
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| 242 | b. Discussion re: 2024-2029 CIP Plan |
| 243 | Ms. Call stated the Board of Selectmen reviewed the CIP Plan along with the budget and what |
| 244 | was passed for the budget, mimics the CIP Plan. |
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| 246 | c. Deadline to apply for Short-Term Rental Permit extended to April 1, 2024 |
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| 248 | 2. New Business: |
| 249 | a. Approval of Minutes: Planning Board meeting minutes of November 21, |
| 250 | 2023 – Postponed for clarification on CIP discussion. |
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| 252 | b. Approval of the 2024 Town of Alton Planning & Zoning Board of |
| 253 | Adjustment Meeting Schedule |
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| 255 | MOTION: To approve the 2024 Planning Board meeting schedule. Motion by Chair |
| 256 | Carter. Second by Mr. O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously. |
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| 258 | c. Release Road Bond for Dobbins Brook |
| 259 | The Board reviewed the letter from KV Partners. Ms. Call stated the existing bond was for the |
| 260 | final pavement of phases 1 and 2; that has been completed. |
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| 262 | MOTION: To release the road bond and replace it with a maintenance bond. Motion by |
| 263 | Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Buonopane. Motion passed unanimously. |
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3. Correspondence for the Board's review/discussion/action:

Ms. Call stated Mr. Williams and Mr. Brown are up for re-election; the filing period is January
22 to February 4, 2024.

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273 **Public Input:**

- A resident asked what constitutes a short-term rental. Mr. Williams replied it is anything under 6
- 275 months. Chair Carter explained a rental for under 30 days is considered a short-term rental and 276 the permit will be on a two year basis
- the permit will be on a two year basis.
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278 ADJOURN

- 279 MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mr. Buonopane. Second by Mr. Williams.
- 280 Motion passed unanimously.
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- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.
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- 284 Respectfully Submitted,
- 285 Jennifer Riel
- 286 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary
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| 288 | ATTACHMENT #1 |
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| 289 | 2022 2024 A MENDMENTO TO THE TOWN OF ALTON NH ZONING ODDINANCE |
| 290 291 | 2023-2024 AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF ALTON, NH ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY THE ALTON PLANNING BOARD FOR BALLOT VOTE AT THE 2024 |
| 291 | TOWN MEETING |
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| 294 | PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: |
| 295 | To amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS by amending "Bed and Breakfast" to include |
| 296 | accommodations for less than three (3) guests, as follows: |
| 297 | "Bed and Breakfast: An owner-occupied single-family dwelling, where the owner or a live-in |
| 298 | manager is present overnight during the period of rental, where three (3) one (1) to five (5) guest |
| 299 | rooms are offered for transient use for overnight accommodation and a morning meal for |
| 300 301 | compensation, with no provision for cooking or warming food in guest rooms." |
| 301 | Rationale: To address potential conflicts with the recent approval of the short-term rental ordinance, |
| 302 | this amendment is being proposed to allow less than three (3) guest rooms for transient use. |
| 303 | and unchangent is being proposed to unow less than three (5) guest rooms for transferr use. |
| 305 | PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2: |
| 306 | To amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS by adding a new definition for "Junk yard", and to amend |
| 307 | ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS, SECTION 401 PERMITTED USES – |
| 308 | TABLE OF USES, by adding a new use, "D. 27 Junkyard", and to renumber the uses for "D. Retail |
| 309 | Business and Service" to be in numerical order; and to amend the existing definitions in ARTICLE |
| 310 | 200 DEFINITIONS for "Automotive and Truck Junk Motor Vehicle Dealer", "Automotive and |
| 311 | Truck Motor Vehicle Dealer", and "Automotive and Truck Used Motor Vehicle Dealer" to be |
| 312 313 | consistent with State Law, as follows: |
| 313 314 | A. ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS |
| 314 | <i>"Junk yard: Any use which meets the terms and definitions of "junk yard" found in NH RSA</i> |
| 316 | 236:111-a and 112, as amended. This use is strictly prohibited in all zoning districts, except as |
| 317 | otherwise allowed by this Zoning Ordinance for Automotive and Truck Junk Motor Vehicle |
| 318 | Dealer, Automotive and Truck Motor Vehicle Dealer, or Automotive and Truck Used Motor |
| 319 | Vehicle Dealer." |
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| 321 | B. ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS |
| 322 | "Automotive and Truck Junk Motor Vehicle Dealer: Every person or firm who has an established |
| 323 | place of business at which he is engaged full or part time in the business of buying second hand |
| 324 325 | motor vehicles for the purpose of taking the same apart, or buying and selling parts of second-hand motor vehicles, or tires for the assembling of second hand motor vehicle parts, in accordance with |
| 325 326 | RSA 236:112 V (c), as amended. <i>Any use which meets the terms and definitions of "junk motor</i> |
| 320 327 | vehicle dealer" found in NH RSA 236: 112, V(c), as amended." |
| 328 | "Automotive and Truck Motor Vehicle Dealer: Every person engaged full or part-time in the |
| 329 | business of selling or exchanging new and second-hand motor vehicles on commission or otherwise |
| 330 | having complied in full with the intent and conditions of RSA 236:112 V (a), as amended. <i>Any use</i> |
| 331 | which meets the terms and definitions of "new motor vehicle dealer" found in NH RSA 236: 112, |
| 332 | V(a), as amended." |
| 333 | "Automotive and Truck Used Motor Vehicle Dealer: Every person or firm engaged full or part-time |

- 333 "Automotive and Truck Used Motor Vehicle Dealer: Every person or firm engaged full or part-tim
 334 in the business of selling or exchanging second-hand motor vehicles on commission or otherwise
- having complied in full with the intent and conditions of RSA 236:112 V (b), as amended. Any use

which meets the terms and definitions of "used motor vehicle dealer" found in NH RSA 236: 112, V(b), as amended."

- 338 **Rationale:** This amendment is being proposed to add a new definition and use, and to clarify and
- distinguish various automotive definitions and uses to be consistent with State Law.
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341 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3:

- 342 To amend ARTICLE 300 GENERAL PROVISIONS by adding SECTION 366 FLEXIBLE
- 343 ZONING SUBDIVISION; and to amend ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS,
- 344 SECTION 401 PERMITTED USES TABLE OF USES, by adding "A. 5. Flexible Zoning
- 345 Subdivision" to be allowed in the Residential Rural Zone (RR) and Rural Zone (RU), and to
- 346 renumber the listing of "A. Residential Uses" to be in numerical order; and,
- 347 To amend ARTICLE 300 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 319 ACCESSORY DWELLING
- 348 UNIT STANDARDS and SECTION 327 SETBACK REQUIREMENTS; to amend ARTICLE 400
- 349 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS in the Rural Zone (RU), SECTION 452 RESTRICTIONS
- 350 GOVERNING USE; and, to amend in the Residential Rural Zone (RR), SECTION 463
- 351 RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING USE, to make reference to ARTICLE 300 GENERAL
- 352 PROVISIONS, SECTION 366 FLEXIBLE ZONING SUBDIVISION; and, To repeal the provision
- 353 in ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS in the Rural Zone (RU), SECTION 452
- 354 RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING USE, that restricts the construction of two (2) separate single-
- 355 *family dwellings only on a lot with more than 45 acres*
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357 ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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D. All lots created after March 2007 must have a minimum buildable area made up of contiguous
upland and slopes (not greater than 25% grade), of no less than 75% of the minimum lot requirement
for the zone.

* On a lot with more than 45 acres, two (2) separate single-family dwellings may be constructed as
 long as the second home is situated on the lot so in the future it can be subdivided if need be. (Added 14
 March 2017)

366 E. ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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368 SECTION 460 RESIDENTIAL RURAL ZONE (RR)

- 369 SECTION 463 RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING USE
- 370 *Except as provided for in SECTION 366 FLEXIBLE ZONING SUBDIVISION, t*he following
- 371 shall govern permitted and all other uses:
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- 373 **Rationale:** This amendment is being proposed to allow for flexibility in subdivision design to
- increase the diversity of the town's housing stock, and other important resources in the community,
- in accordance with the Vision and Goals of the Master Plan. *This amendment also proposes to*
- 376 remove the provision that restricts the construction of two (2) separate single-family dwellings in
- 377 the Rural Zone only on a lot with more than 45 acres, therefore, allowing for a more flexible
- 378 *housing stock.*
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380 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4:

- 381 To amend ARTICLE 300 GENERAL PROVISIONS by amending SECTION 329
- 382 CONDOMINIUMS to be consistent with State Law, as follows:
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384 ARTICLE 300 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 385 SECTION 329 CONDOMINIUMS
- 386 Condominium ownership of property when permitted by this ordinance shall conform to the
- 387 following procedures and standards:
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389 A. Conversions:

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- 391 Condominium Conversions of existing structures and uses, as regulated under RSA 356-B:5, as
- amended, *and new construction for condominium conveyance*, is *are* permitted in any district
 and requires *site plan and* subdivision approval by the Planning Board.
- The site and subdivision plans shall contain all the required information as described in RSA 356-B:20, as amended, *and* "Contents of the Site Plans and Floor Plans", of RSA 356-B, as amended, of the Condominium Act.

398 B. New Construction for Condominium Conveyance:

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- 400 In all zones where multi-family dwellings are permitted uses, the construction of new multi-
- 401 family dwellings to be conveyed as condominiums shall require Planning Board approval.
- 402 Construction shall not exceed five (5) units per building for all multi-family structures built after403 2004.
- 404 2. The Alton Planning Board's power to approve specifically includes the power to minimize
- impact on the town services by requiring phasing in appropriate circumstances, *pursuant to* (RSA
 674:36, as amended).
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- 408 3. 1. The applicant shall be required to obtain Planning Board approval of the following:
- 409 a. The subdivision;
- b. The site plan; (Only required if the application is considered under the definition of Authority forSite Plan Review (RSA 674:43, as amended));
- 411 She Han Keview (KSA 074.45, as an ended)),
- 412 c. The form of ownership, including condominium instruments;
- 413 d. The site and subdivision plans shall contain all the required information as described in RSA 356-
- B:20, as amended, *and* "Contents of the Site Plans and Floor Plans", of RSA 356-B, as amended, of
 the Condominium Act.; *and*,
- 416 e. The Town's Attorney shall review all documents of the Condominium submission and provide the417 Planning Board with an opinion.
- 418 Before the condominium instruments may be recorded, the proposed condominium must conform to
- 419 all current *zoning* ordinances, *site plan review regulations*, subdivision regulations, codes, or
- 420 covenants of the Town of Alton or the State of New Hampshire. In the case of conflict, the more
- restrictive shall apply. No local permits shall be issued until final approval has been granted by the
- 422 Planning Board.
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- 424 **Rationale:** This amendment is being proposed to make this section consistent with State Law by
- 425 removing previously noted restrictions.
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427 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5:

- 428 To amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS by amending the definition for "Self-Storage Facility" to
- 429 allow individual units for sale, as follows:

- 430 "Self-Storage Facility: A structure or group of structures containing separate, individual, and private
- 431 storage spaces of various sizes *to be* leased, or rented, or sold on an individual basis."
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- 433 Rationale: This amendment is being proposed to allow for the condominiumizing of individual434 units.
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436 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6:

- 437 To amend ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS, SECTION 401 PERMITTED
- USES TABLE OF USES, "D. 47. Short-Term Rental" to be allowed in the Recreation Service
 Zone (RS), as follows:
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441 ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

- 442 SECTION 401 PERMITTED
- 443 USES TABLE OF USES: D.
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Rationale: This use was voted in on March 28, 2023, but is being presented a second time to allow

- 446 for proper noticing. Pursuant to NH RSA 675:7, as amended, proposed changes to a zoning
- 447 ordinance that would change the permitted uses in a zoning district that includes 100 or fewer
- 448 properties require notice of a public hearing on the amendment to be sent by first class mail to the 449 owners of each property in the district. In this instance, this includes the Recreation Service Zone
- 449 owners of each property in the district. In this instance, this includes the Recreation Service Zone 450 (RS).
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452 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7:

- To amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS by renaming the use "Church" to "Religious Use of Land
 and Structures"; and to amend ARTICLE 400 ZONING DISTRICTS REGULATIONS, SECTION
 401 PERMITTED USES TABLE OF USES, by renaming the use "Church" to "B. 1. Religious Use
 of Land and Structures", and to allow the use in all zoning districts, to be consistent with State Law,
- 457 as follows:
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Church *Religious Use of Land and Structures*: A building or structure, or a group of buildings or
 structures that by design and construction is primarily intended for conducting organized religious
 services and associated accessory uses.

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Rationale: This amendment is being proposed due to a new State Law that went into effect on July
1, 2022, prohibiting municipalities from regulating zoning or site plans for the religious use of land
and structures. It further amends the name of the definition to be consistent with the State.

469 PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT #8:

- 470 To amend *repeal* ARTICLE 600 SECTION 601 SHORELAND PROTECTION OVERLAY
- 471 DISTRICT based upon the fact that State Law already gives the Town the ability to enforce the
- 472 *provisions of NH RSA 483-B Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act* to elaborate on what the
- 473 Town can oversee instead of leaving it up to the State, as follows:
- 474

475 ARTICLE 600 OVERLAY DISTRICTS

- 476 SECTION 601 SHORELAND PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT
- 477 REFERENCE RSA 483:B, as amended.

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- 478 The Town adopts any regulation which meets the intention of the Shoreland Water Quality
- 479 *Protection Act found in NH RSA 483:B, as amended.*480
- 481 Rationale: This ordinance is redundant; it's proposed to be repealed due to the fact that NH RSA
- 482 483-B:8, III, already gives the town the ability to enforce the provisions of NH RSA 483:B
- 483 Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. This amendment empowers the Town to enforce the
- 484 regulations already required by and enforceable by the State through their Shoreland Water Quality
- 485 Protection Act.