

# Office of Planning and Building Annual Report 2021

## OFFICE OF PLANNING & BUILDING

The Office of Planning and Building (OPB) continues to support their mission to (1) promote the orderly and coordinated development of the town according to the wishes of the citizens, as articulated through the Master Plan process; (2) facilitate dialogue throughout the town amongst all organizations, entities, and individuals that make up the Greater Peterborough Community; and (3) provide support to Town officials and the public.

The OPB supports the public sector by helping to implement public policy, overseeing the Master Plan, working with land use boards to develop appropriate land use regulations, and working with regional and state planning organizations (e.g., the Southwest Region Planning Commission, the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, Plan NH, and NH Housing Finance Authority, among others).

The OPB provides ongoing planning, administrative, and technical support to the following Boards and Committees:

- Planning Board and any subcommittee thereof
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Master Plan Steering Committee and any subcommittee thereof
- Greater Downtown TIF Advisory Committee
- West Peterborough TIF Advisory Committee
- South Peterborough TIF Advisory Committee
- Capital Improvements Plan Committee
- Provides as needed support to:
  - Conservation Commission
  - Affordable Housing Subcommittee to the EDA
  - Heritage Commission
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee

## BOARD/COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS IN 2021

- **Planning Board** - 11 Zoning Amendments were workshopped in late 2021 with the intent to be put on the ballot for Town Meeting in 2022. All of which are minor in nature and are mainly aimed at making affordable housing accessible in Town.
- **Master Plan Steering Committee** - Utilizing outreach from numerous activities, the Steering Committee finalized an update to the Vision and Land Use chapters; both were adopted by the Planning Board.
- **South Peterborough TIF Advisory Committee** - Kicked-off visioning projects for their TIF plan goals which included info sessions and forums for participants to provide feedback.
- **Greater Downtown TIF Advisory Committee** - Began the discussion for projects in the Downtown area which met their TIF plan goals. Awarded a \$30,000 grant from Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) to be used towards

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

It was very active and challenging year for the building department. A total of 228 building permits were issued, with a total estimated construction cost of approximately \$25,792,378. Over \$66,000 in fees were received. For a challenging year dealing with the pandemic, there was a lot of construction in the Town of Peterborough.

Notable projects for 2021 include:

- The continuation of the construction of multiple renovations at Rivermead.
- The completion of the addition and renovation of the Peterborough Library.
- The construction of several new homes including the Southfield Village Condominiums and Wilson Village Farm on Church Street.

Summary of Permits Issued

Type of Permit		Number of Permits	Estimated Cost
New Construction	Single Family	20	\$5,898,204
	Two Family	3	\$1,050,000
	Multi Family	10	\$2,775,000
	Non-residential	7	\$8,120,676
Additions & Renovations	Residential	154	\$3,493,483
	Non-residential	10	\$4,228,445
Demolition		8 (3 houses)	
Permanent Sign		14	
Temporary Sign		3	
Home Business		1	

Respectfully submitted,

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