

Office of Planning and Building

Annual Report 2022

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

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
- Peterborough Welcome Team

EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

- Awarded a Gold-level SolSmart designation for work conducted by our staff to encourage and streamline processes for solar permitting.
- The Master Plan Steering Committee finalized 4 new chapters to the Master Plan which have been reviewed & approved by the Planning Board. Those chapter include:
 - Economic Vitality
 - Population & Housing
 - Cultural Resources
 - Historic Resources
- Completed a Downtown Visioning Project for the Greater Downtown TIF District aimed at gathering feedback about pedestrian, cycling, beautification, public amenity improvements, and more. Results from this project will begin to be implemented in 2023, starting with adding landscaping, public amenities, and children's play structures to the Riverwalk Parking Lot.
- On behalf of the EDA, attended Franklin Pierce University's incoming Freshman days to pass out goody-bags chock-full of Peterborough coupons, samples, and freebies.
- A total of 11 zoning amendments were put forward by the Planning Board for 2022 Town Meeting and all were accepted by the voters.

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REPORT FROM THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

It was very active year for the building department. A total of 254 building permits were issued, with a total estimated construction value of approximately \$23,379,543. Over \$67,000 in fees were received. For a challenging year still dealing with the pandemic, there was a lot of construction in the Town of Peterborough.

Notable development projects for the year include:

- The continuation of the construction of multiple renovations at Rivermead.
- The renovation for Lionheart Classical Academy on Sharon Road.
- The construction of several new homes including the Southfield Village Condominiums and Cranberry Meadow Drive.

Summary of Permits Issued:

Type of Permit		Number of Permits	Estimated Cost
New Construction	Single Family	8	\$5,253,000
	Two Family	0	\$0
	Multi Family	10	\$3,125,000
	Non-residential	0	\$0
Additions & Renovations	Residential	69	\$4,512,226
	Non-residential	17	\$6,961,005
Demolition		19 (3 houses)	
Permanent Sign		11	
Temporary Sign		2	
Home Business		2	

Respectfully submitted,

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 Tim Herlihy - Building Official, Code Officer, & Zoning Administrator
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Above: SolSmart Gold Designation Plaque, awarded November 2022