

## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2015**

The Planning Board continued working on the master plan during 2015, a multi-faceted project that has required hours of meetings and review. Over time, the updated document will help guide planning for the future of our town.

Bea Davis stepped down from the Planning Board this year. I would like to thank her for her service with the town as a member of the board. Her input was always thoughtful and helpful to our deliberations.

The Board has developed wording changes to the zoning ordinances; the changes deal with setbacks and non-conforming structures. These changes will be brought to the town the March annual meeting for residents' consideration.

The ongoing work of the board had us considering lot mergers, boundary line adjustments and subdivisions. Four lot, or boundary, line adjustments were approved; five voluntary mergers were approved.

Planning Board members and alternates are appointed by the selectmen; term of service is three years. Present Planning Board members and alternates participate in meaningful discussions and represent a wide variety of town interests and concern; they work well together to reach consensus on matters that are determined to be beneficial to the town. There are openings for several alternates at the time of this writing. Interested citizens are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen. John Allen continues as the Selectmen's representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bennett, Chair