

Concord Zoning & Planning Board Annual Report - 2017

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 was a busy year for the Concord Zoning & Planning Board. Along with reviewing zoning applications brought forth by the Zoning Administrator, Alan Smith, the board worked with a consultant and the Concord community to develop a recreation tourism strategic plan. The strategic plan is made available by a \$6,930 state Municipal Planning Grant, awarded to the Town of Concord by the Vermont Department of Housing & Development. The goal of the plan is to promote recreation tourism in Concord and support business development by focusing on current and identified recreation tourism opportunities.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Concord Zoning & Planning Board includes dedicated members Judy Kurtz, James Gochie, Linda Hartwell, and Cynthia Stuart. There is one board position open and alternate board members are welcome. If you are interested in serving on the Zoning & Planning Board, please reach out to Secretary Linda Hartwell at ldhartwell1@gmail.com.

Longtime board member Stuart Gray retired from the Zoning & Planning Board in November. Stuart and his wife, Janice, moved to Concord from St. Johnsbury, about sixteen years ago. In 2006 Stuart served as the town Health Officer. He held that job until a few years ago. In addition to serving as Health Officer, Stuart has been a Lister for the town as well as a Zoning Administrator. His most recent position was as a member of the Zoning & Planning Board. Stuart will be missed by the Zoning & Planning Board members as well as others that have served with him in his various town positions.

BOARD DUTIES

The Concord Zoning and Planning Board is a group of local citizen volunteers striving to provide a variety of services relating to local growth and development including:

- Reviewing and inspecting construction for compliance with local and state zoning ordinances
- Facilitating the development review process and guiding applicants in the permit process
- Fulfilling requests for information on properties
- Applying and administering the grant process for opportunities relating to growth and development
- Developing and implementing the municipal plan
- Enforcing town zoning regulations

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The Planning & Zoning Board looks forward to guiding the Town of Concord development and planning process in the year ahead and welcomes additional assistance at any level including board member participation, volunteer on a sub-committee and/or sharing of local perspective.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Stuart, Planning & Zoning Board Chairperson