

## PLANNING BOARD

In 2013, the Planning Board held 19 regular meetings.

Over the course of the year, the following applications were approved:

Date	Name	Location	Application Type	Map/Block/Lot
03/26/13	Donald & Janet Gavin	30 & 28 Maple Avenue	Voluntary Lot Merger	Map 10, Block 10, Lots 40 & 40-2
03/26/13	Maplevale Builders	55 & 57 Heath Street	Amended Site Plan	Map 4, Block 6, Lots 3-17 & 3-18
04/23/13	125 Development NH Corp	Puzzle Lane Lot 27-4 Phase I	Amended Site Plan	Map 14, Block 1, Lot 27-4
05/14/13	RTW, LLC	129 North Main Street	Duplex Cluster Development	Map 9, Block 6, Lot 7-1
05/28/13	Steven Sforza	2 George's Way	Home Based Business	Map 7, Block 3, Lot 14-4
12/10/13	Lewis Builders / Father & Son Realty Trust	Off Smith Corner Road & Sargent Woods	Voluntary Lot Merger & Site Plan	Map 7, Block 4, Lot 5 & Map 8, Block 3, Lot 11

In addition to the above approved projects, the following planning activities occurred during 2013:

- a. The Planning Board supported the efforts of the Municipal Complex Committee to develop a site plan for town-owned property. Several Planning Board members participated in municipal complex meetings and discussions. The Planning Board also provided operating budget support.
- b. Road design improvements for the intersection of NH 108 and Amesbury Road at Rowes Corner were added to the NHDOT Draft Ten Year Plan with the assistance of NH State Senator Nancy Stiles.
- c. Several Planning Board members have attended training sessions in the past year. The information provided at these sessions has kept the Planning Board informed about current regulations, helped new members learn planning policies, and aided the Planning Board in developing plans that benefit both the developer and the community.

The Planning Board encourages all residents to participate in its proceedings and provide input to the Board. To contact the Planning Board office, call (603) 382-3419 ext.15 or e-mail [planningboard@newtonnh.net](mailto:planningboard@newtonnh.net).

The Planning Board Members are: Chairman Barbara White, Vice Chairman James Doggett, Frank Gibbs, Michael Blanchette, Robert Miller, and Fred Gabriel; Alternates: Mary M. Allen, Rick Milner, Sandra Estabrook, James Holland, and Roger Hamel; Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio: Charles Melvin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. White, Chairman  
Planning Board

## **RSA 674:39-aa – Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots**

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Lots involuntarily merged by a municipality (for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes) prior to September 18, 2010 shall be restored to their pre-merger status at the request of the owner **provided:**

- Request is made prior to December 31, 2016; and
- No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged the lots; all subsequent owners estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.
  
- ❖ Requests for "un-merger" to be made to the local governing body, whose decisions may be appealed pursuant to RSA 676.
  
- ❖ The restoration of the lots to their pre-merger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.
  
- ❖ This notice must be continuously posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

## **TRANSFER STATION**

Another year at the Transfer Station should be considered a success on the merits of recycling. Hazardous Waste Day on September 28, 2013 provided by Clean Harbors out of Boston was a great day for the residents who wished to dispose of their household chemicals. The total cost came in at \$32,015.98 which was under the budget set at \$35,000.00. Hopefully with more money available and with your vote, we can continue this program for 2015.

We ask all residents to please keep your household chemicals separated from your regular trash. We the staff, consider this a serious source of illegal dumping!! We ask for your cooperation on this matter. Waste violations can cost the town up to \$30,000.00 for each offense! This practice can also cause potential fire and or explosions in the compactors, putting employees and residents at risk as well as contaminate our landfills and pollute our ground water!! We reserve the right to inspect every trash bag! The Transfer Station Staff works hard to ensure all building materials, household trash and miscellaneous items are disposed of, in their proper place. We ask all residents to be environmentally responsible.

"Fences Unlimited" from Windham, NH did a great job installing the new fence, which now surrounds the entire Transfer Station facility and we're looking forward to more ground improvements for 2014.

Reminders - The services we provide for you at the Transfer Station:

- Used motor oil can be collected in a clear container only.
- The Voucher System for the town taxpayers will continue in 2014 and Hazardous Waste day if possible, will be every other year.
- Compost is available for Newton residents for your yards and gardens and if possible, we will load your pickup truck with our Kabota Tractor, if available.
- Senior Discount Day is 50% off the price for residents 65 years or older. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY of every month; just bring proof of age.
- Free Sand is provided in the winter months for Newton residents if the Kabota Tractor is available.
- The Swap Pile for Newton Residents opens in the spring and closes at the first snow.
- Free wood from the brush piles if available is for Newton residents.

The staff is always willing to help with any of the above, but we do ask that you be prepared to unload your heavy items from your vehicles.

Check us out at [www.nh-gov](http://www.nh-gov) or call us at 603-382-7250 with any questions.

We provide recycling for all your cans, bottles, plastics and glass in our commingled containers. This service is provided for free at no cost to the town, so please DO NOT put your plastic bags, cardboard or trash in with your recycled items. We also have a separate bin for aluminum cans only! Please do not throw your plastics, tin cans, or glass in this container! These aluminum cans are donations to the local Boy Scouts. Cardboard and paper recycled, is money paid back to the town, plus it keeps all of these items out of our landfills!! We do ask that you break down your boxes.

Household trash is an expense that costs the Newton taxpayer \$72.00 per ton. On average this expense can cost \$7,500.00 to \$10,000.00 per month, plus a hauling fee of \$120.00 per load. The only way to bring this cost down to the town taxpayer is to RECYCLE!! Please..... REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE!!

The staff takes pride in keeping this facility clean and organized. Please help us do the same by protecting our ground water and respecting our environment.  
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom DiFalco  
Acting Transfer Station Manager