1	Enfield Planning Board – Meeting Minutes
2	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS/MICROSOFT TEAMS
3	PLATFORM
4	October 12, 2022
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6	PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Fracht (Chair), Dan Kiley (Vice-Chair),
7	Linda Jones, Kate Plumley Stewart (Selectboard Representative), Phil Vermeer (Secretary, via
8	Microsoft Teams), Tim Jennings, Brad Rich, Kurt Gotthardt (Alternate), Jim Bonner (Alternate
9	and Videographer), Whitney Banker (Alternate)
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11	PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
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13	STAFF PRESENT: Rob Taylor- Land Use and Community Development Administrator,
14	Whitney Banker-Recording Secretary, Ed Morris (Town Manager)
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16	GUESTS: Celie Aufiero
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18	I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
19	Chair Fracht called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and took a "roll call" of members present
20	for attendance.
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22	Chair Fracht said that he had received feedback from the community that watching the video
23	feed when there are multiple conversations going on is difficult to understand. He said he will try
24	to be aware of this and keep singular discussions going tonight.
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26	II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
27	None.
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29 30	III. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES: September 28, 2022
30 31	Ms. Stewart MOVED to approve the September 28, 2022, Minutes presented in the October
32	12, 2022, agenda packet as presented and amended.
33	Seconded by Mr. Rich
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35	Amendments:
36	Line 69 – he to she
37	Line 308 – bus (not building)
38	Line 40 – add "everybody online"
39	Line 228 – thy to they
40	Line 285 – imbedded to embedded

- 41 Line 80 "is" to "was"
- 42 Line 381 dove to drone
- 43 Line 352 but to ;
- 44 Line 424 leech to leach
- 45 Line 340/341 change "agreed to" to "No board members voiced disapproval"
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47 Roll Call Vote:

- 48 David Fracht (Chair), Dan Kiley (Vice-Chair), Linda Jones, Kate Plumley Stewart (Selectboard
- 49 Representative), Phil Vermeer (Secretary), Tim Jennings, Brad Rich all voting Yea.
- 50 None voted Nay.
- 51 None Abstained.
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53 * *The Vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0).*

55 IV. SELECTBOARD REPORT: Kate Plumley Stewart

The Selectboard met October 3. They looked at the short-term rental ordinance which is now

57 being handed on to the Planning Board because the Selectboard is not a land use board. Town

- 58 Manager Morris said it was taken to the Selectboard to get a sense of if this is an item worth
- discussion, the Selectboard agreed it was, and has moved it to the Planning Board as the
- 60 appropriate board to discuss further. Ms. Stewart said she felt the proposed process was a great
- 61 process to go through before having problems arise. She recommended that board members read
- 62 the draft with an open mind. Mr. Taylor elaborated that the ordinance is aimed at getting
- 63 property owners to take care of important safety measures in the case of short-term rentals
- 64 (occupancy, fire and emergency numbers, fire extinguishers, off-street parking, etc.). Mr. Taylor
- said this may be an item to discuss at the next meeting. Chair Fracht said the board could review
- 66 tonight as well if time allows.
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68 Ms. Stewart said that because of the Master Plan, they are covering topics of rural character,

- 69 recreation, and how we use spaces in town. She said she feels this is a timely discussion because
- 70 of the Master Plan movement at this time.
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72 Town Manager Morris said that some of the discussion that takes place about this ordinance will

73 determine if it would fall under Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment. Chair Fracht

asked if it would go both ways, some land use, and some ordinance. Town Manager Morris said

⁷⁵ he did not think so, but he is unsure which way it could go. He said that he thinks the Planning

- 76 Board is the right place to begin the discussion.
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78 There was considerable discussion about creating a committee for the Johnston beach property.

- 79 Town Manager Morris is in the process of working on a questionnaire (like the municipal
- 80 facilities) to invite community members and be inclusive. There was discussion about how this
- 81 aligns with the Master Planning Task Force.

82 83	Ms. Stewart said that there was also a discussion about the financing option for water and sewer connection fees over \$10,000 to allow payment plans. The board also updated surplus property.
84 85 86	Chair Fracht said that he had heard that part of the Johnston Drive committee will be a member from the Planning Board and the Master Plan Task Force. Town Manager Morris said they were
87 88 89	looking at one person from the Master Plan Task Force; he encouraged applications from any members who wanted to apply to do so. Chair Fracht said that he agreed Planning Board would not be appropriate in case a site plan review comes to the board. He agreed that a Master Plan
89 90 91	Task Force representative made sense.
92	V. HEARINGS:
93	None.
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95	VI. CONCEPTUALS:
96	None.
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98	VII. ZONING CHANGES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN MEETING WARRANT
99	A. Flood Plain Ordinance
100	Chair Fracht said that this afternoon he received an email from the State Office of Planning
101 102	informing us of their review of the town's flood plain ordinances. They found that to maintain membership in the Federal Flood Plain Management Program, which also allows those people in
102	flood plains to buy flood insurance, changes will need to be made. Chair Fracht said that this
103	involves about 6 pages of the zoning ordinance that will need to be updated.
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106	Mr. Taylor shared his screen to Teams and on the TV screen. He pointed out the areas where the
107	state made edits to the ordinance.
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109	Mr. Gotthardt said that he assumes that there is standard language the state has asked for. Chair
110	Fracht agreed.
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112	Ms. Aufiero asked if this is any help to those that live in the flood plain. Chair Fracht said he did
113	not know. Ms. Stewart said that she thought it was not a detriment to them; it is required for
114 115	those individuals to be able to purchase flood insurance.
115 116	Mr. Taylor pointed out that the document edits from the state included a sample warrant article
117	for this update.
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119	Mr. Jennings asked if the board members could be sent this document to review individually.
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121	Chair Fracht asked if there was any more discussion on this ordinance update. There was none.
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123 124	Mr. Taylor said he would circulate the document to board members.
125 126	Chair Fracht moved on to the first item from the list discussed at the previous meeting.
127	B. Parking Space Standardization
128	Mr. Jennings put together a draft change for 409 PARKING AND LOADING AREAS.
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130	Mr. Taylor projected the document on the TV screen.
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132	Mr. Jennings said that he was unable to find anything regarding parking except in this section
133	409 of the ordinance. Chair Fracht and Vice-Chair Kiley said that they believed this was the only
134	place.
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136	1. DIMENSIONS
137	Mr. Jennings suggested two possible minimum parking spot sizes. Regarding dimensions, Chair
138	Fracht said that he felt the board had discussed this in past years and wanted 10'x20' to
139	accommodate large pickup trucks that many community members drive. He said that he felt they
140	should be consistent throughout the town. Mr. Gotthardt said that there is at least one section that
141	has a smaller size parking space (9' x 18') and he said that there was another section that did not
142	have any dimensions at all. Chair Fracht said that one year they had added to the definitions
143	section the 10'x20' size. He said that he wanted them to go through the ordinance and make
144	changes for this consistent size throughout.
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146	Mr. Taylor said he did not find the dimensions in the CB district. Chair Fracht said it should be
147 148	added here. Mr. Gotthardt said that he would suggest the parking space size be the same throughout the entire ordinance. Mr. Kilow said that the side size is also important to allow space
148 149	throughout the entire ordinance. Mr. Kiley said that the aisle size is also important to allow space for larger vehicles to back in/out. Vice-Chair Kiley suggested a 16' minimum for aisles.
149	for larger venicles to back in/out. Vice-Chair Kney suggested a 10 minimum for aisies.
150	Secretary Vermeer said that he did a quick Google search and found the spaces ranged from 8.5'
152	to $9'x18'$. Town Manager Morris said that he found the standard to be $9'x18'$ in most places. Mr.
153	Jennings said it sounded like they should settle on the 9'x18'. Mr. Gotthardt said that a standard
154	may include smaller vehicles in cities, and in our rural area, many more community members
155	drive trucks. Mr. Jennings said that he felt they should measure what fits a pickup truck well.
156	Mr. Rich said they had done this, they are 9' but 10' would be better.
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158	Ms. Stewart said that there is a perceived parking issue downtown, so having the standard be
159	larger would make fewer spots. Ms. Jones said she felt they should use the larger dimensions,
160	and those that need an exception can seek relief from the ZBA. Chair Fracht said he felt Ms.
161	Stewart was looking at downtown parking specifically, but there are many rural areas that are
162	more likely to be housing areas that must accommodate vehicles community members will be
163	driving.

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165	Mr. Gotthardt said that 80% of the ordinance already says 10'x20', and he suggested they make
166	the remainder of the ordinance match this. Vice-Chair Kiley said that they only reason the
167	ordinance is 10'x20' is that the board changed it about 5 years ago; the original size was 9'x18'.
168	Ms. Stewart said that she wanted to also consider how many things may need to be sent to the
169	ZBA if they use a 10'x20' space as the standard. Town Manager Morris said that they would be
170	restricting density by using larger spaces. Mr. Jennings said that he agreed and suggested instead
171	of putting the responsibility on the ZBA put it on the Land Use Administrator. Town Manager
172	Morris suggested using Mr. Jennings' draft as written: the desired space size of 10'x20' with Mr.
173	Taylor being able to allow 9'x18' in special cases. Mr. Taylor said he agreed with the larger
174	space, but narrower space allowed by approval of the Land Use Administrator in constrained
175	spaces.
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177	Mr. Rich asked if they must also follow handicapped spaces; Vice-Chair Kiley said that they
178	follow federal guidelines.
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180	Mr. Jennings suggested a 20' minimum for all aisles. Ms. Stewart said that if it is 20' minimum
181	for an aisle, and the spaces are 20' minimum, it may cause more space issues. Mr. Jennings said
182	he thought they needed to pause the discussion and get engineering standards for these.
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184	Board members agreed to move forward to the next section.
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186	2. NUMBER OF SPACES
187	No discussion, change was from "GLA" to "Gross leasable area" for clarity.
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189	3. ON-STREET PARKING PROVISION
190	Mr. Jennings said that he felt on-street parking would be useful for residential areas downtown if
191	it was not used for the minimum parking available to residents. Mr. Gotthardt suggested
192	removing this item. Mr. Jennings asked if they would want to encourage property owners to
193	create street parking for the public. He said that he felt it would look favorable for a developer
194	who could not get enough parking on site but purchased a nearby lot for public parking. It would
195	be an investment in the town. Mr. Gotthardt said that if it is residential, the tenants need to be
196	guaranteed a place to park. In the case of creating public spaces, this could leave a tenant with no
197	place to park. It is different for retail versus residential. Vice-Chair Kiley agreed, he said this
198	would be for a place that guests may park (off-site, in the public parking area). Chair Fracht and
199	Mr. Rich agreed.
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201	The board agreed to delete this item entirely.
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205 8. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 206 Mr. Jennings said that he was unsure of what the "twice the minimum parking space" language
- 207 meant. Vice-Chair Kiley said that this was made to prevent large, empty parking lots. Mr.
- 208 Gotthardt said that a previous regulation was using a larger national standard that did not apply
- 209 well to rural use. Chair Fracht said that the planning theory was to plan for the maximum number
- of people in that case, but most of the time a percentage of the spaces are vacant.
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212 Mr. Jennings said that to accomplish what he believes was intended; this section requires editing.

213 Mr. Rich said that he felt it should also talk about the stormwater drainage and that they do not

- 214 want the parking to be unnecessarily large. Chair Fracht said that a rationale is a good idea, but
- he did not think they would need to have a rationale for every item in the zoning regulations.
- 216 Vice-Chair Kiley said that an example where this was not well used was the Family Dollar store

that has windows on the front that go to nothing.

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Mr. Jennings said that for plans that have retail parking that seem excessive, the board could ask
the applicant why they are asking for as much parking and restrict it at that time. Mr. Gotthardt
said that he wondered if this was a holdover from the old regulations that required more parking

than would ever be needed. He said that this would also benefit the developer to not have to pay

- for parking that will never be used.
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Vice-Chair Kiley said he felt they should remove this section. Secretary Vermeer said he felt that 225 a lot of this could be put in the site plan review section but removed here. Chair Fracht asked if 226 they should keep the minimum number of spaces for parking lots. Secretary Vermeer said that he 227 felt it could just be part of the site plan review. Parking could be negotiated in the site plan 228 review. Chair Fracht said they have performance standards by which they evaluate the site plan. 229 With no guidance, the applicant could ask for one thing, and the board could say no but would 230 have no standard to fall back on as a basis for making the decision. A standard in the zoning 231 provides that basis for deciding and a clear procedure to follow for justifying additional spaces 232 233 from that standard.

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Vice-Chair Kiley said that there are different types of retail. Jake's is likely close to twice the minimum, and their lot is regularly full based on the nature of the business. A furniture store, for example, would not need nearly as many spaces for regular business. He said that he feels if owners meet the minimum, it should be up to them to decide how many spaces their type of business requires. Mr. Jennings said he could not see a situation where this would happen in town where they would regret removing this section.

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242 The board decided to remove most of the language in this section.

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The board kept one sentence in the next paragraph: "The Planning Board may require a parking study to quantify parking demand"

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247	Ms. Stewart said that there were several definitions at the end ("Retail", "Business", etc.) which
248	should be moved to a definitions section.
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250	Vice-Chair Kiley said that they are getting close to having too much on the ballot, with the 7-
251	pages of floodplain updates.
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253	Town Manager Morris said he would research with Mr. Taylor the requirements for posting the
254	flood plain article. He said that he suspected they could put the language for the warrant article
255	there and direct community members to another area to review the information.
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257	Mr. Jennings said that the definitions at the end need to be in the appendix; one of them is there,
258	and the other two are not. Mr. Taylor said if they wish only to move them, they can do this
259	without putting them on the warrant. Mr. Jennings said that he thought they would need to
260	change them also.
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262	4. PARKING SERVING MULTIPLE USES
263	Mr. Jennings said that he did not understand what this table was trying to say.
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265	Town Manager Morris said he would like the board to move forward and come back to this
266	section after doing some research on parking standards.
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268	C. 413 Non-Conforming Lots and Uses
269	Mr. Jennings said that he had several changes here that may be better reviewed individually and
270	discussed at a future meeting.
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272	Ms. Stewart said that given the directions that the Master Plan may take, this could be a section
273	that they do not wish to focus on yet.
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275	Vice-Chair Kiley said that there is planning money available for towns that ask for it. Town
276	Manager Morris said he will work on getting these funds.
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278	Mr. Gotthardt said that one thing he wanted to bring up was when there is a change of use the
279	grandfathering goes away and does not continue with the new use. Mr. Jennings said that he had
280	added a lot of information in this section, including abandonment. Mr. Jennings said that he was
281	considering the recent Conkey Gravel Pit application where a previous owner passed away, and
282	the pit was inactive for a period. He said that he feels they should allow for this situation to
283	happen. He said that the one-year period seems to be very confining. He said he in general tried
284	to build information into the language to cover notifying the town that owners wish to continue
285	use in the future, they just do not know how at the time.
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- Mr. Gotthardt said that he felt the Conkey pit was a different issue than grandfathering. He used 287 the example of a business in a residential area that was grandfathered. Vice-Chair Kiley said that 288 in a case where the business is non-conforming, what if it takes more than a year for the owners 289 290 to find a buyer for the business? Mr. Jennings agreed this was what he was trying to include. Chair Fracht said that the point is that the business is there, and the use has not changed. Mr. 291 Gotthardt used the example of the roller-skating rink, with grandfathered non-conforming things 292 such as the sign on the road and the floodlights. The use has changed but these remain on the 293 property. He said that he felt the one-year restriction played into this. Mr. Jennings said that he 294 295 felt the 1-year timeline is still very tight for certain situations. Mr. Gotthardt suggested that 296 owners could ask for an extension. Mr. Jennings agreed he was trying to build this language into 297 this ordinance. 298 On the case of abandonment and defining it, Chair Fracht said that he felt they may need more 299 300 legal advice. 301 302 Mr. Gotthardt said that he felt they should re-write the gravel pit ordinance to match what the state law says. The current ordinance is significantly out of date. Mr. Jennings asked if this is a 303 Planning Board document. Mr. Taylor and Chair Fracht agreed that they felt it was. Mr. 304 Gotthardt said that he felt they should adopt the state's model ordinance. Ms. Stewart said that in 305
- the interest of not overwhelming community members, they may wish to make a priority "list A"
- and "list B" of things to work on this year, and things to continue to work on in the future years.
- 308 Mr. Morris said he would also recommend not changing this in the middle of the hearings for the 309 Conkey gravel pit.
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311 **D. Housing Density**

- Mr. Taylor asked if they could devote some time tonight to housing density. He said that based on the Master Plan direction and upcoming projects these would be important to have as a high priority.
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- Ms. Stewart said that <u>The Atlantic has a good article on ADUs</u> that promoted good thought. She will send the link to Mr. Taylor to circulate to the board.
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1) MULTIPLE ADU (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS)

- 320 Chair Fracht said that the town currently allows ADUs on any lot, even non-conforming lots.
- Town Manager Morris said that the single ADU is a state law, but any additional ADUs would
- 322 be up for discussion.
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- Vice-Chair Kiley said that he would be in favor of any number of ADUs if the land and septic
- 325 can support them. Ms. Stewart said that she feels that they may be making it so that community
- members cannot age in place with their families. She said that allowing multiple ADUs is in line
- 327 with the town's heritage and past practices.

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329	Fown Manager Morris said that he would look at limiting buildings on a lot. Chair Fracht
330	suggested existing buildings. Ms. Stewart said that having a guest house that could potentially be
332	an office for those who work at home would also be an asset. She said she is not in favor of
332	limiting property use and would encourage allowing the ADU as well as another building for a
333	3 potential office.
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221	5 F 2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

335 E. 2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Mr. Taylor suggested allowing two ADUs. Mr. Jennings said that he can't see why a fixed
number must be assigned. He asked what the current restrictions would be for a large home
being converted into apartments. Mr. Taylor said that acreage is what determines this. In the R1
he said they would need 3 acres (1.5 downtown where there is sewer available). Ms. Stewart said
that she felt the other thing it could do is make Enfield more attractive to new residents.

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342 Mr. Rich asked if any members could think of a downside. Mr. Jennings said that he could

imagine issues with architectural character and property value. Chair Fracht suggested detached

ADUs must be within an existing outbuilding. Vice-Chair Kiley said one detached ADU is allowed per state law, but they would only be looking at adding another (either attached or

- 346 detached).
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Ms. Aufiero said that many historical houses in town are very large, and this would be great forthe town and heritage.

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Town Manager Morris said that these ADUs will have to meet building codes.

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353 Ms. Jones asked if an ADU can be a mobile home. A mobile home does not count as an ADU.

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355 Mr. Taylor will draft a change to allow 2 ADUs.

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357 F. Increase Density with Municipal Water/Sewer

358 Mr. Taylor said he felt they should also talk about the R1 where homes are attached to municipal 359 water and sewer increasing density. He suggested housing be allowed from 1 per $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to 1 per

¹/₄ acre. Chair Fracht said that he felt that they should eliminate this ordinance entirely and if

there is enough parking allow for whatever can be placed on those small downtown lots. This

362 would put housing where the sewer and water system is, where the services are. Mr. Taylor said

- that the R1 already requires a site plan review.
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365 Mr. Rich asked what this would do with the recent Laramie Farms proposal. Ms. Jones said that

366 for this recent proposal, the property owner has planned what he will ask for (6 buildings total).

- 367 She said that her concern was the amount of traffic going onto Route 4, but the property owner
- already cleared the land to allow for 6 buildings (instead of the 3 recently proposed). Ms. Stewart

369	said she felt the board should not discuss the property when the owners are not here. Vice-Chair
370	Kiley said the water capacity for the property would limit the number of buildings (6 may not be
371	doable).
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373	Mr. Jennings said that his concern is at what point do they reach a problem with the water
374	system and not being allowed to add more connections. Mr. Taylor said one problem is that there
375	have not been customers added to the system, so the cost has gone up. Having more rate payers
376	would allow for improvements to the system.
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378	Town Manager Morris said that this would be something that happens during the planning
379	process. This developer has been spoken with about a water supply of their own if needed.
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381	Chair Fracht reminded board members to keep the conversation generic as a zoning conversation
382	and not about a specific project.
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384	Mr. Gotthardt asked if the changes Mr. Taylor was suggesting were in R1 or the CB district. Mr.
385	Taylor said it would be only R1, it is allowed already in the CB district.
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387	Mr. Taylor said that one idea he has is tying together the Shaker Village water system (that has
388	great quality wells) with the municipal system. This is a great potential benefit to all parties that
389	the combined system would serve.
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391	Mr. Taylor will draft a change to the R1 density.
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393	E. Street Setback
394	Mr. Taylor said that one thing the ZBA was looking at was the street setback. He said he had
395	spoken with the town attorney as well and the current language specifies a lot line to the street
396	and is good language.
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398	Ms. Jones asked for clarification of the original statement. Mr. Taylor said that they have always
399	enforced setbacks equally whether a road was private or public. They will continue to enforce
400	this unless it goes to court, and they are told not to. Town Manager Morris said that the town's
401	land use attorney has told them that he believes the zoning language is written correctly to allow
402	enforcement of this.
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404	F. Building Height Measurements
405	Mr. Gotthardt said this was another item that came up at the ZBA meeting, building height
406	measurements. The ordinance says from the front. Mr. Taylor said he and Mr. Ehrenzweig both
407	agree that the road-facing side is considered the front.
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409 410	Chair Fracht said there had been a case that came before the board and the ordinance was updated to say it is measured from the front.
411 412	Ms. Aufiero said there is a home being built across the street from her. The house has cleared the
413	lot and is close to the road. The property owners built the ground up quite a bit before they began
414	to built, so it is even larger than it would have been at the original ground level. She said that she
415	felt this was not right.
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417	Mr. Rich said he did not think this was being enforced uniformly. He said that he has a sloped
418	lot, and it was measured from the lakeside.
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420	Mr. Taylor confirmed from the zoning ordinance that the definition of Height was listed as:
421	Height shall be measured from the natural surface of the ground on the side of a structure facing
422	the street, road, or right-of-way.
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424	Chair Fracht said that the board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.
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426	VIII. UPDATE ON MASTER PLANNING TASK FORCE WORK: David Fracht (Co-
427	Chair)
428	Co-Chair Fracht said that the task force met Monday and went over the entire plan. They are
429	about 90% toward completion.
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431	The next step is for consultant Ms. Saxton to incorporate the changes made at Monday's
432	meeting. Then, the draft will be circulated to volunteers to proofread and edit. Co-Chair Fracht
433	asked Mr. Gotthardt if he would proofread the maps. Mr. Gotthardt agreed he would.
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435	Once proofreading is complete within a few days, the edits will be sent to Ms. Saxton. The final-
436	final draft will then be circulated to the public, it will go up on the Enfield LEAPS website, a
437	mailing will go out, and signs will go back up.
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439	There will be a final review for the community on Sunday, November 13. The community
440	building is not available, but Mr. Taylor is checking with the Enfield Shaker Museum. Ms.
441	Stewart suggested also checking on the Enfield Village School (in the past this has been free).
442	Mr. Rich said that the final review time will be 2 pm to 4 pm on November 13.
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444	Co-Chair Fracht said that after public input, they will move on to the official Planning Board
445	public hearing where they hope to officially adopt it. He said that it would be nice if the group
446	thinks they could do two public hearings on the same evening. For the first meeting in
447	December, December 14, they could review both the Master Plan and the Zoning Regulations.
448	He said that he anticipates that the Master Plan hearing will not take very long.
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Mr. Jennings asked if the task force was set up by the Planning Board. Chair Fracht said yes, 450 they selected members for this. Mr. Jennings said it would seem that the task force would come 451 to the Planning Board to present the draft Master Plan, and the board would then deliberate about 452 453 any further changes that should be made. Chair Fracht said this was essentially the plan. Mr. Jennings said he hoped to have enough time for the Planning Board to make changes. He asked 454 if they would vote on a draft to take to a public hearing. Chair Fracht said he did not believe so. 455 Vice-Chair Kiley said he believed they would have to vote on this, and Mr. Gotthardt said he 456 thought so as well. Mr. Gotthardt said he would suggest having the Master Plan hearing separate. 457 458 459 Mr. Jennings clarified that he wants to have time for the board to review the plan before they decide if they are ready to present it to the public (the proposed November 13 date). Mr. Taylor 460 asked if they could decide this at the November Planning Board meeting. Mr. Kiley said they 461 have two meetings in December so they could have two hearings. Mr. Taylor said that he felt 462 that the task force has the momentum to get the plan approved by the end of the year. Mr. 463 Gotthardt said he felt any changes from the Planning Board would be minor, he assumed. He 464 said they had not seen a complete draft as a board. Ms. Stewart agreed and said she had asked for 465 references to be put in for pieces of data. She did not see these references in the document that 466 the task force reviewed during their Monday meeting. 467 468 Chair Fracht asked Mr. Taylor to circulate the next update to the draft to both the Planning Board 469 470 and the Master Plan Task Force. Mr. Rich also said Mr. Taylor may want to remind Ms. Saxton about the references. 471

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Mr. Jennings asked how important timing is for whatever zoning amendments they may propose
that the Master Plan be completed before. Chair Fracht said there is no time relationship between
the two. Mr. Jennings said to garner support for the zoning changes they would likely want the

476 Master Plan available before the town meeting. Chair Fracht said that the plan might be

- 477 simultaneous with the hearing.
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479 Ms. Jones asked if there are financial things that the town will benefit from by having the Master Plan completed. Chair Fracht said yes, many grants and other funding opportunities would 480 become available. Vice-Chair Kiley agreed that there are a lot of historical grants that require a 481 Master Plan. Chair Fracht said that this also involves transportation and common areas of interest 482 483 (Route 4 and Maple Street intersection); the Master Plan can help with these discussions. Vice-Chair Kiley said that housing also factors in, so DOT knows that they would be increased traffic 484 on Route 4. 485 486 487 **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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491	X. NEW BUSINESS:
492	None.
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494	XI. NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2022
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496	XII. ADJOURNMENT:
497	A MOTION was made by Ms. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.
498	The MOTION was seconded by Vice-Chair Kiley
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500	Roll Call Vote:
501	David Fracht (Chair), Dan Kiley (Vice-Chair), Linda Jones, Kate Plumley Stewart (Selectboard
502	Representative), Phil Vermeer (Secretary via Microsoft Teams), Tim Jennings, Brad Rich all
503	voting Yea.
504	None voted Nay.
505	None Abstained.
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507	* The Vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0).
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509	Respectfully submitted,
510	Whitney Banker
F11	Decording Secretary

511 Recording Secretary