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GENERAL REFERENCES

- Other boards, committees and commissions — See Ch. 7.**
- Town Map — See Ch. 42.**
- Site plan review — See Ch. 233.**
- Subdivision Regulations — See Ch. 237.**
- Zoning — See Ch. 245.**

ARTICLE I

Planning Board

**[Adopted by ATM 3-19-1948 as Art. 17;
3-11-1958 as Art. 23; 3-10-1970 as Art. 18;
3-17-1981 as Art. 21]**

§ 34-1. Establishment; membership; duties.¹

- A. The town establishes a Planning Board of seven (7) members, with duties as set forth in §§ 3 to 15, inclusive, of Chapter 53 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, to make a study of the development and to report to the Town Meeting appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the town's best development and in general, to promote the development of the community, the Board members to consist of one (1) selectman and six (6) other citizens, all to be appointed by the Selectmen as provided in said Chapter 53 of the Revised Laws.
- B. Pursuant to the authority of RSA 674:1, IV, the Planning Board and its members, officers and employees, in the performance of their functions, are authorized to enter upon any land and make such examinations and surveys as are reasonably necessary and place and maintain necessary monuments and marks and, in the event that consent for such entry is denied or not reasonably obtainable, to obtain an administrative inspection warrant under RSA 595-B.
[Added by ATM 3-10-1992.]

§34-2. Plans showing new or widened streets or parks.²

The town authorizes and empowers the Planning Board to approve or disapprove, in its discretion, plans showing new streets or the widening thereof, or parks. Upon the adoption of this section, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Registry of Deeds of the County of Hillsborough a certificate or note showing that said Planning Board has been so authorized, giving the date of authorization, as provided in §19 to §29, inclusive, of Chapter 36 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

§ 34-3. Site plan approval; Minor Site Plan Review Committee.

- A. The town authorizes the Planning Board to review and approve all site plans for the development of land for nonresidential uses, whether or not such development includes the subdivision or re-subdivision of land.
- B. The town authorizes the Planning Board, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 36:19-a, to review and approve or disapprove site plans for multifamily dwelling units other than one-and two-family dwellings, whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.
- C. The Planning Board shall have the authority to form a Minor Site Plan Review Committee as authorized in RSA 674:43, III, to review and approve minor site plans as defined in the Peterborough Site Plan Review Regulations (Chapter 233 of the Code of the Town of Peterborough). The Minor Site Plan Review Committee shall consist of the Town Administrator, Code Enforcement Officer and one (1) Planning Board member. The Planning Consultant for the Planning Board shall sit as an advisory member and shall have no voting power. This Committee shall have the authority to approve, disapprove or conditionally approve the minor site plans reviewed by it. Any decision of this Committee may be appealed to the full Planning Board,

provided that notice of appeal is filed within twenty (20) days of the Committee's decision. All provisions of RSA 676:4 shall apply to actions of the Minor Site Plan Review Committee, except that action to approve or disapprove must be taken within sixty (60) days after submission of the application, subject to extension or waiver as provided in RSA 676:4, I(f). **[Added by ATM 3-10-1992.]**

ARTICLE II
Regional Planning Commission
[Adopted by ATM 3-14-1972 as Art. 39]

§ 34-4. Membership of town.

The town will become a member of a Regional Planning Commission now being organized within the region under the authority conferred on it by RSA 36:45-53.

ARTICLE III
Long-Range Planning Committee
[Adopted by ATM 3-17-1987 as Art. 29]

§ 34-5. Establishment; functions; appointment; terms.

The town creates a Long-Range Planning Committee to assist the Planning Board in developing and keeping current a long-range plan for the town and, further, instructs the Selectmen to appoint two (2) members for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years, two members for three (3) years, one (1) member ex officio from the Planning Board, and thenceforth two (2) members for three-year terms.

ARTICLE IV
Local Land Use Boards
[Adopted by ATM 3-15-1988 as Art. 35]

§ 34-6. Appointment of alternate members.

The town authorizes the Selectmen to appoint up to five (5) alternates to any local land use board.