

1 **Official**

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3 **MINUTES**

4 **HOOKSETT PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP**
5 **HOOKSETT TOWN LIBRARY - HEBERT ROOM**

6 **31 Mount St. Mary's Way**

7 **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

8 **6:00 PM**

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10 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 PM**

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12 **PROOF OF POSTING**

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14 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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16 **INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

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18 **PRESENT: Chris Stelmach (Chairman), Mike Somers (Vice-Chairman), Robert Duhaime,**
19 **Sheena Gilbert, Paul Scarpetti (by telephone), David Russel (arrived at 6:40 pm), and**
20 **James Sullivan (Town Council Representative)**

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22 **ALTERNATES: Denise Pichette Volk**

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24 **EXCUSED:**

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26 **NOT PRESENT:**

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28 **STAFF: Elizabeth Robidoux (Town Planner) and Andre Garron (Town Administrator)**

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30 **D. Pichette Volk will be a voting member at this meeting.**

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32 **WORKSHOP TO FINALIZE DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

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34 John Lycars who is a resident of Hooksett stated action needs to be done now for the future and
35 the people want an old Town of Hooksett feel. Mr. Lycars gave examples of what the old town
36 and new town sections could include and what they would look like. He talked about the town
37 having a community center and new school complex that would include a high school and new
38 elementary school around a green center that would be funded as a non-profit. He also gave sug-
39 gestions on the uses of Donati, Petersbrook and two fields not being used. Mr. Lycars also
40 spoke about the creation of a Hooksett museum.

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42 S. Gilbert asked for a timeline.

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44 J. Lycars stated the Cigna building, community center, and high school would be first within 10
45 or 15 years and talked about the need to get people to step up to establish the non-profit.

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47 S. Gilbert stated she thought there was land already earmarked for the community center.

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49 J. Lyscars stated there was, however, the school district wanted detailed plans of the building and
50 cost estimates which was too much for a small group of volunteers.

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52 D. Pichette Volk expressed concerns of how a community center a school complex could be
53 within the reach of non-profit fundraising in addition to the pressure of additional traffic on the
54 roads that close to Allenstown.

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56 J. Lyscars stated a lot of people have a lot of money that want to invest that live in other places
57 other than Hooksett. They want a community center and high school.

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59 E. Robidoux mentioned that these items are targeted in the Master Plan.

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61 The board went through the master plan chapter by chapter and made updates and modifications
62 to the content and wording.

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64 **ADJOURNMENT**

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66 ***S. Gilbert motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Seconded by D. Russel. Motion carried***
67 **unanimously with a vote of 7-0.**

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69 **Respectfully submitted by,**

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71 **/s/ AnnMarie Scott**

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73 **AnnMarie Scott**

74 **Recording Clerk**