



FINAL

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2025

Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peter Guillette called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Present: Chair Peter Guillette (remote), V.C. Bob (Robert) Benson, Jacob Noble (remotely), Ralph Beasley, Selectmen's Representative Jeremy Walla, Alternate Steven Bookless, and Board Clerk Emily Owens

Public: TJ Alexander, Robert Johnson, and Scott Shull

Chair Guillette appointed Steven Bookless to the position of a full voting member for this meeting because Board Member Ralph Beasley was not available at the start of the meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Site Plan Review and Sign Permit: 04-2025-02; Automotive Solutions LLC; 1205 Route 114; Map 235 Lot 017

Chair Guillette introduced the application, a Site Plan Review and Sign Permit, and asked the applicant, Robert S. Johnson, to speak. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to operate a 3-bay auto service station in the Business Light Industrial District #1. He would utilize all the existing equipment and not change anything on the exterior of the building, except add a sign indicating which building is the shop. The hours were included in the application as Monday through Friday 8-4:30 and Saturday 8-noon; he reiterated them to the board. Mr. Johnson stated that there would be no increase in traffic on the road and all waste would be removed efficiently from the property. He explained that he has a contract for anti-freeze with a company and the other waste items such as tires, metal, and used oil would be taken to the Grantham Transfer Station. Mr. Johnson will run his heavy equipment business out of this location but the services he provides are onsite at the customer's location so only his vehicle would be parked there.

Chair Guillette asked if the board had any questions and V.C. Benson said he was happy to see another business in the area. Mr. Johnson explained that there has been an automotive repair shop for over 15 years in this location.

Chair Guillette opened the meeting up for public comments and abutter TJ Alexander stated that he is supportive of an automotive business in the location. Chair Guillette

asked if there were any further questions from the board or the public; hearing none, he entertained a motion to accept the application as complete and approve the Site Plan Review. V.C. Bob (Robert) Benson moved the motion and Selectmen's Representative Jeremy Walla seconded it. ***Unanimously Approved by Roll Call***

Chair Guillette asked about signage, and where the location of the sign would be. Mr. Johnson provided pictures during the meeting indicating the location of the proposed sign; dimensions were provided on the application. The dimensions are less than the maximum allowed size in the Business Light Industrial District. The sign will be on the other side of the telephone pole, past the right-of-way, so that it does not interfere with the plowing or visibility.

Chair Guillette opened the meeting up for public comments and abutter TJ Alexander stated that he is supportive of a sign in the proposed location because people miss the driveway. Chair Guillette asked if there were any further questions from the board or the public; hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the Sign Permit. V.C. Bob (Robert) Benson moved the motion and Board Member Steve Bookless seconded it. ***Unanimously Approved by Roll Call***

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business V.C. Bob (Robert) Benson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Steve Bookless, approved by all members, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for May 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room of the Grantham Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Owens
Planning Board Clerk