

Plans awaiting review. The number of plans awaiting Planning Board review was fifteen (15) as of October 13, 1995. Plans awaiting review in October 1994 numbered twelve (12). In October 1993 there were nine (9) plans awaiting review. There were fifty-five (55) plans awaiting review seven (8) years ago. As of November 1, 1996, there were eight (8) regular plans waiting to go through the plan review process.

Plan review activity increased this past year. Nearly twice as many site plans were approved (see amount stated on Page 1 of the Planning Department report).

Long-Range Planning

Capital Improvements Program

The Capital Improvements Program is a planning tool document which has as its foundation the Master Plan. With the Master Plan as its base, the Capital Improvements Program presents an expenditure plan over a six (6) year period. The six year expenditure plan is revised annually with a document called an "element".

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee completed their work, the Town of Hudson Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Year 1997 Element for presentation to the Planning Board on November 8, 1995. The Planning Board approved the document that same day.

CIP Committee membership in 1995 is presented here.

Donald White, Chairman
Paul Inderbitzen
James Gallagher
Kathleen Brown
Rhona Charbonneau
John Beike
James Sullivan
Leonard Smith, Planning Board Chairman

Town personnel working with the CIP Committee included Town Planner Michael Reynolds and Finance Director Lydia Angell.

Zoning Ordinance Revision

A complete replacement of the Impact Fee Ordinance, Article XIV, passed at the Town election in March 1996. Two other amendments were approved by the voters in March 1996: Wetland Conservation District and Nuisances.

Two amendments were proposed by the Planning Board to the Official Zoning Map. Both proposed amendments failed at the March 1996 Town election.

Zoning Ordinance Changes by Petition

Hudson citizens brought forth two (2) separate petition requests to amend the Official Zoning Map. Both petitions, to re-zone property, failed on March 12, 1996.

Land Use Regulations

The Planning Board worked on several changes to the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations. There was one change, concerning off-street parking, in February 1996.

The Planning Board approved a revision to the Subdivision Plan and Site Plan Applications, Schedules of Fees, on August 14, 1996. The fee schedules were approved to take effect on September 1, 1996.

Master Plan Update

The Planning Board continued its work on the comprehensive update of the Town's Master Plan this past year. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission provided assistance to the Town. The work was accepted by the Planning Board on July 31, 1996, with the document to include an "index" with the public's comments and the Board's response to comments.

Unicorn Park

The Planning Department prepared a draft Unicorn "land use plan". This draft plan was presented to the Planning Board in order for the staff to receive input. That presentation took place on March 29, 1995. The land use plan was issued to the Board of Selectmen at a meeting on December 5, 1995.

Community Development

Musquash Conservation Land

Town Planner Mike Reynolds, along with Michelle Champion (Hudson Heritage Trail Committee) met with LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program) Coordinator Pete Helm on November 13, 1995, for a walk of part of the Musquash Conservation Land. The walk took place along or near the trail.

The general public has made use of the Musquash Conservation Land trail map brochure. A trail map brochure update took place during the summer of 1996. Planning Intern Matthew Walsh made revisions which show trail improvements and a scenic vista location.

State of New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation Fund

On October 13, 1994, formal notice of approval was received by the Town for National Park service grant monies (Land and Water Conservation Fund) to improve Merrifield Park. The Town Planner had written a grant application in October 1993, seeking \$16,559. The proposed improvements include a tot lot, picnic tables,