

## **Freedom Planning Board 2020 Annual Report**

This past year proved to be a relatively busy one on the Planning Board. We started the year with our first Subdivision application in quite some time. This gave us the chance to test our Subdivision Ordinance as well as develop application forms and materials. In the end, the process was smooth and the Subdivision was approved.

The Board also approved two small commercial ventures in town. This process, too, challenged us to apply our existing Commercial Development Review Ordinance and see that it actually works! Again we found we needed to develop the application materials as well as set a fee. Both applicants were patient as we moved through the process and, in the end, both were approved.

We have also been addressing some small changes that should improve both our Commercial Review Ordinance and Planning Board Ordinances. These changes are small, but nonetheless require a vote by the townspeople. You can expect to see these measures on a special ballot sometime later this year.

One item on the minds of planning board members is how best to develop the former Skidgel lot behind the Public Works facilities. After much effort, the town has both acquired the lot and substantially cleaned it up. That is a feat in itself, but it also seems like an exciting chance for townspeople to envision what kind of development might enhance life here. Feel free to reach out to town officials if you have ideas!

With the pandemic, we have moved our regular monthly meetings (second Tuesdays at 7PM) to Zoom. Like everyone, we look forward to being back in person before long. The public is still welcome to join our meetings and may contact the town office for details on how to join. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions about local ordinances and development in Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Prentice Grassi, Chairman