

## **New Braintree Planning Board Minutes September 6, 2022**

Present: Jay Ayer, Chair; Genevieve Stillman, Dave Thompson, Jody Kablack

### **Discussion on New Braintree Airport**

Trish Settles from Central Mass Regional Planning Council was present to discuss a potential joint project with the Planning Board regarding planning for the future of the New Braintree airport. She noted that in a recent planning document prepared by CMRPC called Rural 11, the New Braintree airport was listed as a parcel that had economic development potential (the only parcel identified in New Braintree). She urged the Board to apply for a District Technical Local Assistance planning grant from CMRPC so they can assist us with studying the property.

She suggested that we hold a stakeholders meeting in the fall to develop a list of potential/ acceptable uses for the property. The Board brainstormed the following ideas:

- Senior housing
- Recreation - possible commercial turf fields
- Cannabis facility
- Air field
- Ware River access
- Rail trail
- Other complimentary uses - camp ground, wedding venue, community use

CMRPC can help with data - local employment, potential revenue, traffic, case studies of other airport redevelopment, infrastructure needs

It was decided to bring this discussion to the Select Board on September 12, 2022 to get their ideas. Other groups, including the Bylaw Review Committee will also be invited to that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.