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Collection Summary

Repository: Manchester City Archives. Office of the City Clerk. City of Manchester, NH.

Creator: Planning Board. City of Manchester, NH.

Title: Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Collection Number: 0411.009

Accession Number: 2013.120

Dates: 1927-1951

Volume: 2 bound volumes

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Related Collections: Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes (0411.005); Zoning Board of Adjustment Records (0411.008).

Access: Access to collection is open to the public. Please contact the archives for an appointment to view materials. Cite the collection number, box and folder numbers when making an appointment.

Digital Note: Materials are not accessible online at this time.

Conservation Notes: Not applicable.

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Historical Note

On November 20, 1923, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorized Mayor Trudel to appoint a committee of citizens, cooperating with the city government, to establish a City Planning and Zoning Board. By December of the same year, the board was established and members were appointed. Since the board existed before municipalities in New Hampshire had the authority to zone, the board initially focused on proposing new legislation to the state government. With the assistance of the United States Department of Commerce, a bill was introduced to the New Hampshire State Senate to empower municipalities to adopt zoning regulations. After the bill became state law in 1925, a city resolution passed in May 1926 giving the board the power of zoning regulations.

Shortly thereafter, the Planning and Zoning Board disunited into two separate, but related, entities: the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment.

The Planning Board was established by ordinance in 1927. Its responsibilities included studying the resources, possibilities and requirements of the city, and to make plans for its future development, including street layouts and proper housing for citizens. The first meeting of the board occurred on August 9, 1927. Throughout the city's history, amendments to the original ordinance establishing the board and its responsibilities have been passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It continues to work on long-range community planning, and also hears applications for subdivisions, site plans, and planned developments.

Collection Description

The collection consists of two bound volumes of meeting minutes created by the Planning Board. One volume documents activities from 1927 - 1931, and the second documents from 1932 - 1946, 1947, and 1951.