

**July 23, 2024 - 6:00 PM - Master Plan Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Working Meeting  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

Attendees: Alan Bell, Lisa Prince, John Harris, Michelle Hayward, April Ferguson, Ian Breshnahan, Kristen Riley, Emily Allen.

Also in attendance: Bruce Smith, Planning Board.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Alan Bell

Alan Bell opened the meeting by expressing his dissatisfaction with some MP Committee members at our joint meeting with the planning board. He was upset that there was a MPC approved timeline in place prior to that meeting and he felt blindsided by some members wavering on it by suggesting that having Community Forums prior to sending out the MP Survey might be advisable and agreeing with the Planning Board that we do not need to rush. Considerable time was allotted for discussion on this topic. Alan said the forums would only bring in a small number of individuals and that it may cause the survey to be biased. Lisa thought that it would be an opportunity to educate the public prior to sending out the survey. Emily said that if they didn't understand a question, they could leave it blank. Alan asked Bruce about the previous forums and Bruce said that they brought in 25 - 30 people.

The timeline was discussed and Emily said she didn't sign on for a perpetual committee and that she did not plan on meeting another 18 months. Lisa said she signed on to produce a good product regardless of the time.

John Harris made a motion to NOI hold forums prior to the survey being sent out. April seconded. Motion passed 5/3. (YES: Alan, Ian, Michelle, John, Emily. NO: April, Lisa, Kristen)

John believes that since we are not holding forums prior to the survey going out, that we could possibly still meet our original timeline. Survey to be reviewed by Cheryl Zajac after our next meeting with Planning Board. Question as to whether Cheryl would be able to make it to that next joint meeting with Planning Board as well.

Alan suggested that our meetings no longer need to be more than 6 - 7 PM. Emily reminded MPC that we did the longer meetings so we only had to meet once a month. No action was taken.

Alan discussed setting up the date for our next meeting with the Planning Board for either Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and will coordinate with Lauren and advise MPC.

Alan brought up the MPC presence at the Old Home Days event on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 2. Lisa volunteered to do it since no other members were available. Set up next to Conservation booth so April can assist as well.

April made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

NEXT MEETINGS: August 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Joint with Planning Board in September TBD.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Lisa Prince.