

November 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Master Plan Committee Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: John Harris, Lisa Prince, Kristen Riley, Alan Bell, April Ferguson
Guests: Lauri Burt, Nancy Ransom

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John Harris.

John made a motion to approve the following minutes: 8/25, 9/2, 9/16, 10/21. Discussion regarding wording change from "affordable" to "available" housing on 10/21 minutes. All in favor.

Discussion of the Cheshire County Complex goal and meeting with Chris Coates. April suggested it be sent to Chris Coates for review and comment. All in favor.

Housing Goal: It was discussed that the "Maybe" responses were being grouped with the "Yes" responses for a misleading representation of the survey results, whereas it was not being done that way on the "No" responses. It was decided that we need to stay consistent and the percentages quoted needed to be strictly "Yes" or "No" and that the "Maybe" would speak for itself in the graph provided along with the text. The same calculation method will be used for the Recreation goal and consistently throughout the Master Plan. John will revise. Miscellaneous discussion about State mandates on pushing increased housing and what types had potential in Westmoreland. Not having town water and sewer is limiting.

It was discussed that the MPC would finish up the writing and approval of the goals and would take a hiatus until the development constraints map is close to being completed and then start meetings again. John will follow up with Lauren with regard to 2025 funds.

Economic Goal - all in favor of sending to the Planning Board for approval.

Transportation Goal - April is still waiting on data for accidents on which roads in Town. Information from Westmoreland Fire Department has not been made available to her despite her best efforts. It was discussed that maybe the Selectmen could reach out to the Fire Department. Asked if Lauri Burt could help with this.

Class VI roads were discussed and Alan will be looking into finding a map that shows them to be included in the Master Plan. It would also be helpful for the Recreation goal for recreational potential as well.

Planning to wrap up the Transportation, Recreation, and Utilities goals at the next meeting.

April made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Alan. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2025 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Minutes recorded and prepared by Lisa Prince