

January 9th, 2024 6:00pm Master Planning Committee Meeting Minutes- Working meeting

Attendees: Kristen Riley, April Ferguson, Christine McKenna, Emily Allen, Ian Bresnahan, John Harris, Alan Bell.

Committee Organizational business:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Alan Bell

This is a working meeting to go through neighboring towns surveys to generate ideas for our first lengthy survey.

Initial jot form: John Harris said we should restructure the “how important is this to you” question.

Discussion

We went through Chesterfield, NH’s survey and the discussion was as follows:

- We think it should flow a little better, right now it all bounces around a lot.
- Keep questions 1-5
- Merge questions 8+9
- Add a question about how you want to receive town info/news, zoom, newsletter, website etc.
- We should include questions about population growth
- We like question 10 but would expand it to include the following (fair, good, bad, no opinion)

Access to public waters
Animal control cemetery care
Police Protection
Fire Protection
Historical Preservation

Library
Enforcement of Zoning & Building Codes
Land Conservation
Public Assistance
Disaster/Emergency Preparedness
Recreational Facilities and Trails
Snow Removal
Road Maintenance
Town Website
Educational Opportunities
Transfer Station
Housing

Christine does not like the open ended question boxes because those are open for interpretation. Will check in with Cheryl on this

Cheryl Zajac will be attending our next meeting and she is an expert in the field of surveys and quantifying data.

We talked about making a short video introducing the town to the MPC and starring our chair, Alan Bell.

We spent a great deal of time talking about affordable vs working family housing and we decided instead to make question around home sale cost or the income level that you make instead rather than using words we have to provide the definition to.

We left off on question 11

Meeting was called to close at 7:45pm by Alan and all were in favor.

Christine called for the meeting to close at 6:40 pm, April seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned Next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6pm at the town hall.