

Master Plan Committee Meeting June 4th

Minutes

6pm Meeting called to order.

Members Present, Lisa Prince, Kristin Riley, Michele Hayward, Ian Bresnahan, Alan Bell,

Jon Harris provided notes in absentia.

6-730pm we did work on the survey list of questions. What follows is the current WORK IN PROGRESS SURVEY.

Survey Questions

1. How many years have you lived in Westmoreland?
 - 0-9 years
 - 10-19
 - 20-29
 - 30+
2. What is your age?
 - 18-29
 - 30-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60-69
 - 70-79
 - 80-90
 - 90+
3. Which describes you best?
 - Resident
 - Non-Resident
 - Renter

4. Do you have school age children?

5. Where are you employed?

Keene
Brattleboro
At home
Retired
Other

6. Where do you get your town information?

7. Public notices
Word of mouth
Annual town meetings
Selectmen / land use board meetings
Social media platforms
Town website
Calling town hall

8. How well do you think our town is performing/providing the following services or opportunities?

Good / Fair Poor / No Opinion

Government
Schools
Fire/Rescue/EMS
Police
Roads
Library
Recreation
Transfer Station

8) In your opinion, which best describes our town's rate of overall growth?

We're growing too fast

Our growth rate is just right

We're growing too slow

No opinion

9) How important is it for our town to protect and enhance the following

Not important / No opinion

Forested areas Important.

Farmland/Open land

Historic structures and sites

Wetlands

Streams and Ponds

Hilltops/scenic vistas

Recreational activities & trails

10) Would you support rezoning additional land for residential housing?

Yes - No

10A) If yes, what type of housing would you like to see the town encourage

Encourage / Discourage / No opinion

Single family homes

Multi-family homes

Accessory apartments with single-family homes

Condominiums

Cluster developments

Manufactured homes on individual lots

Senior housing

Mixed residential and business

11) Would you support rezoning additional land for commercial/industrial development?

Yes - No

11A)If yes, what type of development would you like to see the town encourage

Encourage / Discourage / No opinion

Home-based businesses

Small retail businesses

Small manufacturing firms

Professional offices

Homeowner wind turbines

Utility scale solar array

12). Do you have concerns about population growth in our town?

Yes / No / No Opinion

12A) If yes, what concerns relating to population growth do you have?

Increased school enrollment

Increased demand on town services

Increased taxes

Increase traffic

increased cost of building lots

Decreased privacy

Loss of open space

Loss of rural character

Increased drugs and/or crime.

No Answer

13) In what ways do you enjoy our town's recreational opportunities?

Bird Watching

Rail Trail

Ice Climbing

Fishing

Hiking/Running

Canoe/Kayak

Playgrounds

Horseback Riding

Biking

Cross Country Skiing

Swimming

Camping

Hunting

Tennis Court
Town Beaches
Boating
Snowmobiling/ATVing
Snowshoeing
Youth Athletics (not school affiliated)
No Answer
Other (please specify)

14. Should our town create/maintain regulatory standards for the following?

Answer Options - Yes / No / Unsure / No Answer

Aquifer Protection
Wetland Setbacks
Construction on ridgelines
Sand pits / Gravel excavations
View Shed protection
Logging Operations
Landscaping of Commercial/Industrial Developments
Noise
Outdoor Lighting
Setbacks from streams, ponds and wetlands
Off highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Activity
Protection of Special Habitats and Places

15. How should our town respond to growth in the following areas?

Answer Options - Encourage / Stay As Is / Discourage / No Answer

Assisted Living Facility
Child Care Centers
Farms

Protected Land
Medical/Dental Offices
Medical Clinics
Recreational Facilities
Hotel/Motels
Bed & Breakfasts
Small Retail Stores
Professional Offices
Home-based Businesses
Restaurants (sit down)
Restaurants (fast food)
Gas Stations/Mini-marts
Small Manufacturing Firms
Mini-Storage
Auto Sales
Auto repair

x Last Question x

Would you be willing to take part in a small town hall discussion about the questions you answered in this survey?

730pm Meeting Adjourned.