

February 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM – Master Plan
Committee Meeting Minutes – Working Meeting

Attendees: Kristen Riley, Lisa Prince, Emily Allen, Ian Bresnahan, John Harris, Michelle Hayward

Committee Organizational Business: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Kristen Riley (acting chair)

Approval of January 9, 2024 meeting minutes was deferred to next meeting.

Discussion of our last meeting with Cheryl Zajac in regards to her creating the survey. Many felt that the committee should create the questions and have Cheryl consult, review them and suggest changes since she is not a member of the committee. Further discussion on this will happen with full committee.

Review of individual work assignments:

Highway Dept. – Lisa Prince spoke with Dave Polemba and was told that there were two areas of concern for the future: dirt roads and the need for a larger highway garage to store equipment. The committee suggested that a possible survey question could be about the dirt roads.

Zoning Board – John Harris provided a list of potential survey questions. Areas of concern would be commercial sized wind power turbines and solar arrays, expanding home-based business in residential areas, size of ADUs, cluster housing, zoning changes to provide for more small lots for lower priced homes, addressing of seasonal camps, and historical preservation. It was discussed that we may need to include a sheet of definitions of certain things to be added to the survey as clarification.

Laurie Burt, Zoning Enforcement came into the meeting to introduce herself and had a brief discussion with regard to zoning areas of interest.

Selectboard – Emily Allen. Potential issues are very well covered by Zoning & Planning.

Recreation – Emily Allen. There were no minutes to go through to review. She is aware of a potential grant for recreation in town. It was discussed that a potential question for the survey would be about putting a boat ramp in Town.

Recycling – no information at present time. Planning Board – Kristen Riley. Much of the information was discussed prior in John Harris' section. The topics of Bio Solids and Regulation Enforcement could be potential survey questions.

The Committee discussed the potential timeline for having the survey ready to be presented to the Town of October 1st. It was suggested that we could have a presence at the General Election in November to inform and gather surveys.

It was discussed that we would like to get the maximum percentage of completed surveys returned and that 3% is not satisfactory. Members are willing to go door to door if necessary. We will re-address this at the next meeting and brainstorm additional methods to ensure a greater return rate.

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2024 6 – 7:30 PM

Kristin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emily Allen. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM