

ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

August 23, 2001 Meeting

Members present:

Fred Anderson
Peter Beblowski
Bob Bethel
Bill Prokop
Ed Rowehl

Members absent:

Spencer Garrett
Tom Mangieri
Dave Penny
Mike Oldershaw

Public attendees;

David Essex
Craig Oshkello
Cecily Weisburgh, Keene Sentinel
Carol Olgivey, SWRPC

Chairman Rowehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He designated alternate Mr. Beblowski to sit for Mr. Mangieri. Mr. Rowehl announced that the public meeting was being held to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed Master Plan. Mr. Oshkello commented that he was glad that a Master Plan was being adopted.

Mr. Prokop gave a presentation of the review process that was followed in developing the Master Plan since the previous public hearings. He indicated that a good portion of the statistical data was omitted because it was obsolete and the new census data would not be available until the year 2002. Mr. Essex commented that he agreed with the decision to eliminate those statistics. Mr. Prokop explained that tables had been included listing facilities in similar towns in New Hampshire to show how "Antrim was doing in comparison". He went on to explain that the majority of the contents of the plan dealt with things which were actually going on in town. Not only was input obtained from department heads but also from school officials, teachers and students. He noted that when school personnel were interviewed they indicated that there was a need for student counseling services. Those views were confirmed by one third of the students who submitted their written comments. Also a number of projects currently underway in town were reviewed with an emphasis to coordinating the various activities.

Mr. Oshkello asked if the results of the Plan Charrette were available. Mr. Essex indicated that a copy of the Plan was on file at the Library.

Mr. Rowehl asked if there were any other comments from the public. There being none he explained that the next step would be for the Planning Board to adopt the plan. Approval of the plan at a town meeting is not required. He did indicate that sections of the plan could be updated from time to time. Ms. Olgivey clarified the matter by explaining that the master plan is not a legally binding document however is required as a basis for the zoning ordinances which otherwise would not be valid without a master plan.

Mr. Rowehl called for further discussion. Since there was none, Mr. Prokop moved that the Master Plan as presented with corrections on pages 31 & 32 which he had already provided to the Secretary be adopted . The motion was seconded by Bob Bethel. Roll call vote: Fred Anderson – aye; Peter Beblowski – aye; Bob Bethel – aye; Bill Prokop – aye; Ed Rowehl – aye.

Mr. Prokop moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed.

Mr. Rowehl adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Vasques, Secretary
Antrim Planning Board.