

BOLTON MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2005 at 7:30 P.M

Present: Stephen Garner, Dick Heaton, Russ Karlstad, Brad Reed, Mickie Simpson, Chris Slade, Ken Swanton, Nat Tipton (Town Planner)

1. Discussion with the Public Ways Safety Committee - Kia Boynton and Daniel Senie

Heaton explained the process the committee was using to elicit feedback from boards and committees and invited the Committee to partake in the March 14 Public Meeting. Ms. Boynton and Mr. Senie reviewed the goals of the Public Ways Safety Committee that they would like to see integrated into the Master Plan. The Committee would like to see the creation of a pathway or sidewalk along Main Street that extends ultimately from the Town Center to the High School. The Committee is sponsoring other initiatives including a walkway from the Bolton Senior housing complex to the Saltbox and from Clinton Savings Bank to Town Hall. The Committee is also concerned about the level of traffic along Main Street and wants to evaluate and implement traffic calming measures in the future.

2. Discussion with the Historical Commission – Martha Remington

Heaton explained the process the committee was using to elicit feedback from boards and committees and invited the Committee to partake in the March 14 Public Meeting. Remington explained that the Historical Commission was not able to update the five year action plan as was requested, but they would provide this information to the Master Planning Committee soon. The Historical Commission's priorities include creating preserving and protecting historical structures and scenic roads, and assisting in the establishment of design guidelines and other zoning tools similar to Manchester, Vermont.

3. Discussion with the Cultural Commission – Kate Weiss-Gordon

Heaton explained the process the committee was using to elicit feedback from boards and committees and invited the Committee to partake in the March 14 Public Meeting. Weiss-Gordon explained the Cultural Commission's charge. The Commission receives grant funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to sponsor various activities in Bolton including concerts, plays, and fairs. Funds are very tight and volunteers are difficult to come by.

4. Discussion with the Parks and Recreation Committee- Carol Airey

Heaton explained the process the committee was using to elicit feedback from boards and committees and invited the Committee to partake in the March 14 Public Meeting. Airey explained some of the priorities of the Committee including balancing the scheduling and demands for various fields (soccer, baseball and lacrosse being the most popular), planning for the installation of a sprinkler system in various fields. Changing demographics in the town is making it increasingly difficult to satisfy all of the various demands placed on recreational facilities in the town.