

BOLTON MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
April 25, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Margaret Campbell, Stephen Garner, Dick Heaton, Russ Karlstad, Brad Reed, Mickie Simpson, Chris Slade, Mark Sullivan, Ken Swanton, Nat Tipton (Town Planner), Todd Ford (Daylor Consulting Group), Larry Bluestone (Bluestone Planning Group).

1. Short Items

The Committee reviewed and initialed meeting minutes from 4/4/05.

2. Review of Strategies – Todd Ford

The Committee reviewed a draft strategies list proposed by Daylor Consulting. The proposal made 48 recommendations for draft strategies in a number of categories including land use; housing; economic health and agriculture; natural cultural and historic heritage; open space and recreation; community services and facilities; and transportation. The strategies list was created with input received at the public workshop and the committee chapter chairs.

Ford presented each proposal and collected feedback from committee members. Some of the important themes identified by committee members were preserving agriculture, creating a town center, improving school facilities, and preserving open space. There was a general feeling that many of the recommendations that are presented at the May 23rd workshop should be couched in one of the four issues above. Bluestone presented a map that shows much of the Smith property contains wetlands and other obstacles. He suggested that the Smith Property should not serve as the centerpiece of a town center but could supplement in a smaller capacity. He also believes the scale of development would not greatly impact traffic heading through Bolton center.

3. Library Warrant Article

The committee did not issue a vote on the library warrant article for town meeting, as the majority of members felt it was too early to be making recommendations of this kind.

Future meeting schedule:

April 25	7:30pm	Review Draft Strategies (Daylor Consulting Group)
May 9	7:30pm	Review draft recommendation & prepare for next public meeting (MPC - Daylor meeting #5a) NOTE: may conflict with town voting
May 23	TBD	Recommendation & Strategy Workshop (Public Meeting #2 to be held late May)
June 6	7:30pm	Review revised recommendations (MPC - Daylor Meeting #5b)
June 20	7:30pm	Review Final Draft of Report (MPC-Daylor Meeting #6 to be held late June)
July	TBD	Present Master Plan and Recommendations (Public Meeting #3 to be held early July)

July 31st

Review Draft
(MPC-Daylor meeting #7)
Deliver final plan to town