

BOLTON MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 27, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall

Present: Margaret Campbell, Brad Reed, Mickie Simpson, Ken Swanton, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy (non-voting member), Nat Tipton (Town Planner)

1. Discussion of Agriculture/40R Meetings - Implications for Implementation

Tipton explained efforts to establish the agricultural commission and write the Right-To-Farm bylaw are underway. An ad-hoc committee will be formed soon to begin crafting the warrant articles. From the February 16th 40R meeting, the town has the option to apply for two grants to assist with planning a potential 40R district: a Priority Development Fund (PDF) grant from DHCD and MassHousing, and a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Simpson asked if the Planning Board was interested in pursuing 40R. Tipton explained it was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and there wasn't an expressed commitment to apply for a 40R district, but some members are interested in the program.

Tipton mentioned that the Bolton Cable Access is interested in doing a piece on the Bolton Master Plan to help publicize it. The Committee stated they were interested in exploring this alternative.

2. Review Latest Draft Prepared By Betsy Taylor-Kennedy For Internal Review Process

The Committee collectively reviewed comments on the recent draft. A set of new key findings were added that supplements the list created by Daylor. These will be sent to Daylor. Various other changes needed to be made including ensuring consistency of the Capital Planning Committee rather than the Municipal Building Committee, shortening the title of the Open Space chapter, including a teen recreation center as a recommendation, and changing the tables and graphs with associated text on the MAPC population forecasts. The Open Space chapter will be placed before the housing chapter. The future land use map will include historic districts and existing farms that are a priority for protection.

The latest draft will be prepared by Friday, March 3. The plan will be sent to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board for their comments and released to the general public soon after for comments.