

Recap of Derry Profile meeting
Tues Sept 29, 2009

The Downtown group came out in force for the Profile meeting at Town Hall on the 29th at 7 pm. Gordon Graham did a great job of reviewing the work that our committee has done since the preliminary April meeting. He told the larger group that the library created a great bibliography of all the documents that are stored in the library that are related to the various downtown studies that have taken place in the past. He reminded the group of the specific charge that the downtown group was given and that is that the **"Town takes leadership role in purchasing and redeveloping property in downtown; for example, acquire property next to the Adams Memorial for parking garage and land next to the library. At the Community Profile event this was the third highest vote-getter proposed by the Downtown discussion group.**

He told the group that there are many designs for a pleasing downtown that would make Derry more of a destination and allow for more parking expanded off of Broadway. One main goal is to acquire the property adjacent to the Adams Memorial Building for additional parking. Gordon also told the group that we were going to try morning meetings to see if more people would be able to attend and to eventually have some business owners come to our meetings to get their input.

It is certainly the goal of our committee to have our recommendations incorporated into the Master Plan of the town and the CIP if appropriate.

There will be minutes from this evening coming from Michele from UNH so everyone should be on the lookout for those for a recap of all of the other groups that have met and given reports. Diane will be forwarding all of the Downtown minutes to the Planning Dept – Liz Robidoux's office.

Respectfully submitted,

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