



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC+)

**Thursday, May 12, 2011
Minutes**

Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Rebecca Casey	-	Bud French	√	Hugh Coxe	√
Paul Bergkamp	-	Kurt Klebe	√	Jim Thibodeau	-
Steve Hendry	√	Sandra Lipsey	√	Julie Motherwell	-
Rachel Reed	√	Sam Rudman	√	Steve Walker	√
Claudia King	-				

Council Liaison: Bonny Rodden
Staff present: -
Others present: Nick __, University of New England student

The meeting was called to order by Sam at 7:00 PM.

1. Review of the Draft Minutes of 4-28-2011 meeting

The draft minutes of 4-28-2011 meeting were approved as amended. See the paragraph that begins: On the master planning... Add the word “agreed” between “The group” and “with”.

2. Promotion of the Survey

We are interested in getting an article in The Forecaster and Bud French agreed to contact Emily Parkhurst.

Sam encouraged the committee members to review the survey online.

Sandra agreed to contact Market Decisions and find out exactly when the survey will be available on line and when the printed copies of the survey will be delivered where.

3. Public Forum Discussion

Next the committee focused on the public forum. It was anticipated that the contentious topics from the survey will be:

- land use
- economic development
- compact development

- TDR
- Route 1/Maine Turnpike intersection

Locations for the forum were identified as Plummer-Motz or the High School Cafeteria. Groups that will be affected and should be encouraged to attend were: FEDC and Land Trust.

The purpose of the forum is to ask the public to assist us in writing the comprehensive plan.

The focus should be 1-3 ideas that LPAC+ identifies. The conversation will focus on those and we will ask the public to help us craft the strategies that will move these areas forward in the next 10 years.

The group anticipated that we would have two forums; one focused on land use and the other would cover everything else. Land use will include: ordinances, open space, incentives, residential development, and commercial development.

Through these forums we hope to identify community values around the town's vexing problems.

The order of events will be: Survey and results, two forums, LPAC presentation to the Town Council and a public hearing.

4. Next Meeting

Next we focused on the next LPAC+ meeting (May 26th).

In order for the committee to become educated on the issues of land use in the town, all members are asked to read the Compact Development Report, which we already have. It can also be found on the Town website in the section containing the LPAC subcommittee materials that we reviewed. The focus should be on identifying town values and the outcomes we want to achieve with these forums. We will be working toward articulating a vision for the public meeting and a statement about the direction of the work of LPAC+.

The ongoing calendar for the committee will be as follows:

1. Advocate for residents of the town to complete the survey by June 13th.
2. Digest the survey results.
3. Conduct two forums the third and fourth week of September or October 22 and 29.
4. Construct the plan.
5. Articulate the vision
6. Make recommendations.

For the May 26th meeting, the first hour will be spent discussing Land Use: What are the vexing topics about land use that we want to put into the forum? What about land do we want to talk about? This will be an in depth discussion of the vexing problems of land use.

The second hour we will choose the second topic for the second forum.

At the June 9th meeting the committee will flesh out the second topic.

The draft timeline prepared by Theo was also discussed. There was no consensus whether the timeline should be adhered to strictly or whether it is a guide.

Theo's suggestion of the approach to drafting the comprehensive plan, i.e. that staff prepare the statistical part of the report leaving LPAC+ to draft the more global part of the report, as was done in the 2000 Plan, was viewed with enthusiasm from the group although no, formal decision was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Draft minutes, respectfully submitted by Sandra Lipsey (in Theo's absence), May 20, 2011 Rev. June 2, 2011