



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC+)

Wednesday, March 22, 2012 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: -
Staff present: Theo Holtwijk
Others present: -

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

1. Minutes

The minutes of March 8, 2012 were unanimously approved with the following corrections. The date was corrected to March 8th and some punctuation changes and minor edits were made.

2. Review of Public Facilities and Services chapter

The suggestion was made to move the Wastewater section to the Utilities chapter.

Bud felt the Comp Plan was a roadmap for the future. If maximizing the efficient use of public facilities was being promoted, he wondered for whom that was done.

Steve felt that schools could form a bridge in the community and cater to all population groups, much like Cape Elizabeth seems to be doing.

Julie felt that the scheduling of community facilities was restrictive and not welcoming and wondered how these facilities, including schools, could be more open.

It was noted that the “issues and implications” section was taken from the 2000 Plan and had not yet been updated by the subcommittee.

One issue appeared to be to bridge the gap between young and old residents and the use of public facilities among residents and Town departments.

Julie saw a responsibility for adult day care and wondered if that could happen in the Plummer-Motz complex. Jim advocated for variable community use in Town facilities, but added that the committee should not try to solve the Plummer-Motz issues. Rachel felt that the One Falmouth Committee was the proper place to investigate joint use opportunities. She felt that the next area of opportunity was in joint community services.

Sam asked if people saw any themes emerge from this chapter. Bud suggested the themes of livability and workability, but that a target needed to be defined. It was suggested to review the mission statement of 10 years ago. Sam said that the public is likely going to ask the committee: why did you recommend X or Y?

Themes appeared to emerge around the growth of an older population as well as growth of young families. Where does this growth take place and what can be done about it? There is also a cost concern and emphasis on efficient use.

It was ~~suggested~~ discussed that some people move out of Falmouth once their kids have gone to school here. Jim suggested talking to the One Falmouth Committee. Rachel suggested to also talking to Community Program Dept. as different groups have different motivations. A goal could be to make Falmouth a town where people may want to “stick around.”

Polarization occurs around the budget ~~with~~ around groups of people who are for the school budget or are concerned with it, and those concerned with the affordability for some to be able to live in Falmouth.

The committee noted that facilities typically represent a huge investment and that shared facility use was important. Jim cited the example of some people desiring more soccer fields whereas other may be more interested in a pool. Claudia felt that Falmouth should strive for a livable community for all ages. Jim stated that it should strive for a community with a range of incomes. Rachel cited the importance of affordable programs. Some facilities need expansion that the community may not be able to afford, ~~such as the Library~~. The committee wondered if schools could be used more broadly.

Jim suggested that a recommended action could be to survey all Town facilities as well as the needs of the community. Rachel suggested including in that also an assessment ~~what of~~ outside parties ~~are~~ and what they could be providing through contracted services. This might reduce the financial commitment of the Town. Claudia sensed a tension and territorial barriers regarding shared facility use. Hugh noted competing and changing demands of the population where fiscal responsibility and fairness needed to be balanced.

The observation was made that there appeared to be two management systems for the community's facilities, one run by the school dept. and the other by the Town. These systems can be better connected, perhaps through carrot-stick approach. Rachel felt that the public facilities could be better marketed for multiple uses. The suggestion was made to

| recommend the creation of a Town committee to establish better use collaborations. One good first step might be to get information on facility use out to the community.

Rachel stated that the discussion thus far had addressed two of the questions that had been submitted:

- How can we maximize the efficient use of our public facilities by Town departments and residents alike?
- Recognizing that the demographic bulges at either end of the age spectrum will continue to increase, how can we best meet and coordinate the service and facility needs of this demographic profile?

Sam summarized the recommended actions:

1. ~~Create an~~Expand the -inventory of public facilities listed on the Town website and ~~assessment of~~ resident needs
2. Create a seamless, flexible, open management system for the use of public facilities.
3. Make facility use information more readily available to all residents.

| It was noted that the issue of an adequate supply of volunteer fire fighters also needed attention in the plan. It was suggested to get an update from the Fire Chief on that. Hugh volunteered to do that.

3. Next meeting

LPAC+ will meet again on April 12 at 7:00 PM.

Sam stated that the committee at that time will tackle the housing, transportation and demographics/population chapter.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.

| Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, April 2, 2012 Rev. April 13, 2012