

Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Members present: Ted Combes, Kyle D’Urso, Mike Speltz, Mary Tetreau, Marty Srugis, Sandy Lagueux
Also present: John Vogl

J. Vogl called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

I. Election of Officers

J. Vogl expressed the need for candidates for 2 positions: vice-chair and secretary. He said the Planning Board designee (Ted Combes) serves as Chair. Kyle D’Urso expressed interest in serving a vice chair. No members opted to serve as secretary. Secretary position to remain temporarily unfilled. T. Combes made a motion to nominate K. D’Urso Vice Chair; second by S. Lagueux. All voted in favor, 5-0-1 (K. D’Urso abstained).

II. Review Committee Charge

J. Vogl summarized the Committee Charge and work tasks, as approved by the Planning Board (see attached). He said that the Board is seeking quarterly reports from the Committee and that these could be delivered orally, with an annual report delivered in writing. M. Tetreau expressed a preference for written reports, with the understanding that such reports would keep the group focused. All agreed to support quarterly written reports.

III. Review the implementation status chart

J. Vogl distributed copies of the implementation status chart, last updated in December, 2015. He said the Committee should continue to review this document at future meetings.

IV. Set a future meeting schedule

The group agreed to meet on the last Wednesdays of the month. Next meeting scheduled for September 28, 2016, 7:00 pm.

V. Discussion re: trails/walkability

Members entered a free flowing discussion on trails and walkability in town. All expressed their support for connected trails between neighborhoods and arterial roads and between different types of facilities. S. Lagueux stated that she is typically the grant writer for Trailways and expressed that the Committee is a perfect venue for legitimizing requests for grant money. She said there are opportunities such as Safe

Routes to School (SRTS) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds that can be used locally and that Trailways has a good history or awards. K. D’Urso asked if there was any trails plan in place in Londonderry. J Vogl and S Lagueux answered that the plans are outdated. Trailways’ priorities were based on public feedback that illustrated a preference to connect the schools; the multi-use pathway was assembled to fill that need. She expressed a desire to see the trail completed from Moose Hill School to Wilshire Drive. All agreed that there were varying types of infrastructure that could be applied; sidewalks, pathways, trails or pavement markings. All agreed the time was right to step back and look at the big picture and identify different strategies for different places; “what works where”. An origin-destination survey might provide direction for the town, such as connecting neighborhoods to open space areas. M. Srugis suggested the Town should seek pedestrian facilities during the design review process and that this Committee should advocate for facilities through our varying boards/committees. T. Combes stated a desire to see infrastructure that would connect the existing neighborhoods such as the Kings and Hardy Road to Woodmont Commons. J. Vogl reported that he had submitted a letter of interest to the NH DOT for grant funding to construct a pedestrian sidewalk on Pillsbury Road between Gilcreast Road and the Ash Street Bridge. The application was for federal funding with an 80% match through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and a complete application would be forthcoming. All expressed general support for the application.

J. Vogl distributed a map of pedestrian facilities in Londonderry and all reviewed. J. Vogl said the map may need some updating to reflect unidentified resources. He asked all to review and comment.

J. Vogl suggested the group should work to educate themselves on “Complete Streets” a planning principle that provides street capacity for all modes of transportation. T. Combes suggested Southern NH Planning Commission is providing technical assistance to abutting communities and could provide some education to Londonderry. All agreed to invite SNHPC to the next meeting to present on complete streets. T. Combes to reach out to Executive Director David Preece.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by T. Combes, second by M. Srugis. All vote affirmative, 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes by John Vogl