

Lyme Planning Board  
Master Plan Public Hearing  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Minutes

Board and Staff present: David Roby, Chairman; John Stadler, Vice Chair; Simon Carr, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Tim Cook, Member; Jack Elliott Alternate Member; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board members absent: Ben Kilham, Alternate; Freda swan, Alternate; Sam Greene, Alternate

Public Present: Dick Jones, Dan Brand, Susan Mackenzie, Carola Lea, Barbara Roby, Jennifer Cooke, Jan Williams, Barbara Woodard, Michael Whitman, Barbara Lynch, Dan O'hara.

Chairman Roby opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Jack Elliott began a review of the Master Plan with a Power Point presentation summarizing each of the chapters. Each chapter of the Master Plan was reviewed and discussed. The following comments and suggestions were made:

Chapter 1 Vision:

Dan Brand asked if the Vision Statement could be changed to include wording to "provide and maintain access to the grater Upper Valley community for social, economic, and employment opportunities" and he would like to have a recommendation for traffic safety be added to the recommendations.

Chapter 2 Land Use:

Include a section and recommendations for services for an ageing population, including housing opportunities, a senior center and other town services for this segment of the population.

Chapter 3 Transportation:

There was a discussion of the speed limit on Rt. 10 south of the Lyme Common Village. Some of the people felt that 55 mph was too fast while others felt that this is the direct route linking Lyme with the major economic and employment centers of the Upper Valley and the speed limit was appropriate.

Many of the participants at the hearing expressed concern over the rising cost of gasoline and would like see stronger recommendations for ways to reduce fuel consumption, promote ride sharing and considerations for public transportation.

There were no comments for chapters 4-9.

Chapter 10 Energy :

Should include a recommendation to change the current street lights from sodium vapor to LED

There were several general comments about the overall plan:

Recommendations should include a review of “smart growth practices”

Jan Williams agreed to send the Board more information; she followed up by sending the Board the following Link:

<http://uvhc.org/links.html#Anchor-1000-33869>

The Board should review all recommendations concerning commercial development.

Several meeting attendees felt that the plan should be referencing more current community information. The Board expressed a desire to use more current information but felt it was more important to adopt the plan and have it in place, then update the document as more current information becomes available.

Chairman Roby closed the Public hearing at 8:48pm and thanked all the attendees for their participation.

Respectfully submitted  
David A. Robbins  
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