

Moultonborough Planning Board
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Minutes

December 10, 2008
Public Hearing - 7:00 P.M.
Moultonborough Town Offices

Present:	Members:	Judy Ryerson, Keith Nelson, Eric Taussig (arrived 7:10) Natt King, Ed Charest (Selectmen's Representative)
	Alternates:	Joanne Coppinger, Peter Jensen, Jane Fairchild
Excused:	Members:	Peter Wright, Jim Bakas
	Alternates:	James Gray (Selectmen's Alternate)

Ms. Ryerson welcomed the board and public to the Public Hearing for the Master Plan update. Ms. Ryerson stated that this was hearing number one, and that there is a second hearing scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2008, starting at 5 PM, noting the 17th is zoning board night and that their meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Again, the Public Hearing will start at 5:00. Ms. Ryerson stated the board hopes that there will not be significant changes any further to the draft master plan. The changes that were made by the Steering Committee were not yet incorporated in the draft. Ms. Ryerson presented members with the corrections and deletions that were made on Tuesday night by the Steering Committee. Also provided were copies of the implementation matrix, which was significantly gone over at the meeting of the Steering Committee. Copies of Chapter VII were made available for the board and public. Chapter VII was not available for the Steering Committee on Tuesday night, but is now finished. Most members have not had the time to review Chapter VII, but have the week to familiarize themselves with this chapter and the entire plan.

Ms. Ryerson went on to say that the board and committee's have been at the project of updating the master plan for just about one year. In December of 2007 the Steering Committee met and set the parameters at that time, noting they wanted a small plan that would be easy to use, but also include everything that needed to be included. Ms. Ryerson commented that she feels this is a wonderful document and people have been extremely compatible and on the same wave length. The committee has been guided strongly by the survey which was completed by the property owners and citizens of Moultonborough. The survey was very consistent with previous two surveys and the previous two master plans. Basically what this is, is an update, in the sense that it does not materially change the direction that the town has said is has wanted to go in for the last two master plans.

Ms. Ryerson took comments from the board and public, noting that it is hard to comment on something that you have not had a chance to see much off, with the exception of the Steering Committee. Carol Ogilvie, an associate from MRI was present, who has done a lot of the writing and most of the coordinating of the plan. Municipal Resources, Inc. in Meredith has been the technical advisors and consultants on the plan.

Mrs. Coppinger questioned the schedule for acceptance, noting Ms. Ryerson mentioned one week. Ms. Ryerson noted that there is a second public hearing in one week. If there are significant, material changes, you need to discuss them this evening, as they cannot be changed next week, unless the

board schedules another hearing. Ms. Ryerson stated that the plan can be changed, there is no deadline for the master plan, it does not need to be done by 2009, it does not need to go to town meeting. The plan is the board's and it can be done whenever. This has been in the works for over a year and many would like to finish the project and get on with implementing it as well.

Ms. Ryerson referred to the two pages of comments that came out of the Steering Committee on Tuesday night. Ms. Ryerson noted that Chapter VII has not been reviewed, but would be surprised if there were many additional changes not on the two pages from the Steering Committee.

Mrs. Fairchild commented that she was under the impression that the report from the Recreation Strategic Advisory Committee was going to be included in the Master Plan, and that there would be some reconciliation with the report. Ms. Ryerson commented that the reports will be in the appendix. Barbara Rando commented the RSPT document will be an appendix, the senior needs feasibility study will be an appendix and the transfer station improvement recommendation will be an appendix as well. All three of the ongoing recommendations are still on the table for the Select Board. Those three projects are handled as appendices, and are discussed in Chapter VII with equal weight. If there are things that have been recommended to the BoS there is a summary in the chapter and then direct you to the appendix for more information.

It was noted that all of the appendices are not in the master plan yet, and one of the components of the process that the committee thinks will be most helpful is a flipbook. The flipbook is a small desk top chart that is a quick reference chart. Ms. Ryerson stated the master plan is a very important document, the plan cannot require anyone to do anything, but theoretically the board cannot write any ordinances or serious regulations without a recent master plan as their authorizing document. That is what makes the master plan powerful.

Mr. King questioned when the finished product from MRI would be available in the Land Use Office for the board and public to view. Ms. Ogilvie stated the entire document, after the changes are incorporated and after the second public hearing on December 17th, maybe one or two weeks. It would then be back at MRI to start making the printed copies and posted to the website. The flipbook would not be completed until once everything is final. Mr. King clarified he was referring to the final draft master plan for the board to review prior to the public hearing next week on the 17th. Mr. King does not feel that the board can have a public hearing without the final document being available for everyone to look at prior to that hearing. Mrs. Coppinger agreed with Mr. King's statement. Ms. Ogilvie stated that she would get the comments of the steering committee in on Thursday. It was noted that none of the changes are of any substance. Ms. Ogilvie stated that they could have a copy to the Land Use Office that will include the changes and the appendices for Monday.

Mr. Taussig commented that he had come into the office to review the one chapter that he had worked on, transportation. He asked if there was a redline copy, more specific an electronic copy redlined that could have been reviewed ahead of time. Mr. Taussig stated that it is difficult to review the changes when there is not a redlined copy. Ms. Ogilvie stated there has never been one redline copy for this project. Every work group, steering committee members and others who have had comments on the plan have been sent in separately.

The board discussed the draft presented to the steering committee, noting that there were only minor changes that came out of the meeting on Tuesday. There are several copies of that version that will be available in the Land Use Office, with the suggested comments of the steering committee and Chapter VII for the public to view.

It was noted that suggested comments from the steering committee are not substantial changes and that the board can proceed with the public hearing on December 17, 2008 at 5 PM.

Ms. Ryerson requested board members to review Chapter VII thoroughly and the two page sheet of suggestions made by the steering committee.

Mr. Jensen stated there is a copy on the website that is current as of the end of October. Other than Chapter VII, there have not been a lot of substantive changes made to that copy.

Ms. Ryerson questioned if anyone from the board or public had any changes that they would like made to the document at this time. There were no suggested changes at this time.

Hollis Austin questioned how the public was to be notified of next Wednesday's meeting. It was noted that the meeting has already been noticed along with this evening's public hearing on the bulletin board and the newspaper. Mr. Austin suggested that something clearer be offered for next week's meeting, along the lines of Tamworth's notice that in the bold type at the top it states it's for the master plan and in the text they explain where the public can view a copy of the master plan. It was noted that the deadline for the next edition of the paper was on Monday and that the next edition available would be after the public hearing on the 17th.

Ms. Ryerson wrapped up the public hearing and moved onto their regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie L. Whitney
Land Use Coordinator

These Minutes have not been formally approved by the Moultonborough Planning Board. Please contact the secretary after the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Moultonborough Planning Board to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, to learn if any corrections, additions or deletions were made.