

Moultonborough Planning Board
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Work Session

April 30, 2014

Minutes

Present: Members: Josh Bartlett, Rich Kumpf, Scott Bartlett, Ed Charest, Kevin Quinlan;
Russ Wakefield (Selectmen's Representative)
Alternate: Tom Howard
Excused: Member: Joanne Farnham
Staff Present: Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair J. Bartlett opened the meeting at 7:00, noting that this was a regularly scheduled work session, and appointed Tom Howard to sit on the board with full voting privileges in place of Joanne Farnham. Introductions were made.

II. Other Business/Correspondence

1. Discussion on Drafts for Master Plan Vision Statement & Vision Chapter

The Chair suggested that as part of the review process to ensure the Board has everything in the vision statements, members would be asked to read each component of the document, Eleven Components of a Successful Community and discuss whether each is a core statement or one of lesser priority or one that has been addressed in the draft already. Members then read each statement and discussion on each occurred. There was discussion on why people move to Town. Fundamentally, it appears that it is the low taxes and high quality of life that are the prime factors. There was also discussion on the concept of fostering a healthy community and what it would entail to do that going forward. Members decided that component one, Effective Community Leadership, and component two, Informed Citizen Participation should be added to the list of core principles. Component four, Fostering Healthy Families, Individuals and Youth was seen as a vision statement if efforts from the public, private and nonprofit sectors are coordinated in an effective manner. Welcoming diversity and finding common visions through increased communication and understanding among disparate groups was another vision statement. Under the topic of community services, facilities and utilities, the Chair noted that emphasis on needs vs. wants must be placed on planning, and that the Town should maintain what we have before building new facilities. Employing state of the art techniques for information dissemination was also seen as a priority. In discussing component seven, Recreation and Cultural Heritage, members noted that the health aspect is missing in the language explaining the component, and that it is important. With regard to component eight, Working Landscape and the Natural Environment, some members stated that while very important, the Town shouldn't go overboard and should instead respect the private property rights of landowners; that this component be in balance with the foregoing. Finally, transportation component was discussed. B. Woodruff spoke to the Board about the link between land use/development and transportation. It was noted that although the Town and state roadways are not conducive to fostering alternative modes of transportation, the vision could be that we do prioritize alternative modes within developments or within individual commercial nodes to increase safety and reduce friction and congestion on busy NH Rte. 25. B. Woodruff will assess what he heard from the Board tonight and prepare a revised, combined draft for the Board's review and consideration at an upcoming meeting.

2. Discussion on Master Plan Land Use Chapter next steps: Data collection and inventory; Data analysis and evaluation and comparison of trends. B. Woodruff spoke to the Board about the compilation of demographic data to date, the graphs and some of the trends that stood out so far, noting that this was just beginning of this work. He has asked for an intern to assist in this endeavor in the coming months.

There was some discussion on whether the Town had specific lighting standards. The answer was that we do in the site plan review regulations.

III. Adjournment: Mr. Wakefield made the motion to adjourn at 9:11 PM, seconded by Mr. E. Charest, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce W. Woodruff
Town Planner