

Moultonborough Planning Board
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Joint Meeting

June 24, 2015

Minutes

Present: Members: Scott Bartlett, Rich Kumpf, Joanne Farnham;
Russ Wakefield (Selectmen's Representative)
Alternate: Allen Hoch
Excused: Members: Ed Charest, Kevin Quinlan; Alternate: Kathi Margeson
MPSC: Members: Paul Punturieri, Brian Sanford, Norman Larson
School Board: Celeste Burns, Lauren Lavoie Sturgeon, Sue Noyes: Superintendent
Others: Joe Cormier
Staff Present: Town Planner: Bruce W. Woodruff

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bartlett opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and asked that those present introduce themselves. Joe Cormier was also in attendance this evening. The Chair then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then appointed Al Hoch to sit on the board with full voting privileges.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Hoch moved to approve the Planning Board Minutes of June 10, 2015 as written, seconded by Mrs. Farnham, carried unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

No comments.

IV. Other Business/Correspondence

The Planning Board Chair gave a brief introduction noting that this was an open forum for the discussion of the ongoing process for the Planning Board process to updating the Master Plan. The Board is working on a couple of chapters to bring to the March Town Meeting for approval. They would like to see the work of the Planning Board and School District Strategic Plan summary complement each other. The Board would like to incentivize appropriate growth in Town, both residential and commercial. Chairman Bartlett prompted discussion relative to how can the Land Use section of the Master Plan help the School District; Things such as attracting more young families with zoning for appropriate housing, attracting more "tele-commuting" professionals and families, attracting more commercial business to the village with zoning incentives, and improve the pedestrian flow for safer utilization of the village businesses. The Chair noted that the final goal being a consensus of all parties on the need to incentivize growth and the need for appropriate housing for young families and seniors who wish to downsize and stay in Moultonborough.

Round Table Discussion Summary on the following:

School Board Strategic Plan summary and initial outlook was addressed by the Sue Noyes, the District Superintendent. She stated their demographic report showed declining numbers of students, but that they

were not going to be reactive to changes like this, but rather be proactive and plan to move forward. Discussion centered on the decline issue and how it could be mitigated by a master plan strategy outlined in the land use chapter. Some further questions and discussion about the School District's position on the Village Vision Report, especially sidewalks, crosswalks and second entrance and parallel road in front of the Academy occurred.

Draft Conclusions from 2013 Master Plan Survey Results were discussed in detail by the group. The "leave everything as it is now" majority thought was debated and a consensus was reached that nothing ever stays the same, that by doing nothing, the changes that will occur anyway may get the community exactly what it doesn't want, and finally, that by planning, the positive things that folks don't want to change CAN be preserved and strengthened. Additionally, it was stressed that the answers/numbers indicated that the folks want more appropriately located private Commercial Development. Finally, it was agreed by consensus that there are two large groups of citizens that we need to consider and plan for; aging population/retirees and younger families. Doing this will hopefully bring diversity and balance.

Village Vision Report; How to integrate recommendations into the Master Plan was discussed and it was decided by consensus to incorporate language into the chapter proper similar to the synopsis that went to the voters at Town Meeting, and to also add the entire report by reference as an addendum.

Commercial/Village Nodes & Limited Highway Commercial Segments: Discuss refining concept zoning district map & regulation for individual districts: was not discussed by the group. This will be discussed at the next roundtable meeting. The group will be further discussing this next time after driving the corridor and making observations.

Planner Woodruff stated that by July 29th the Board and Steering Committee will begin to see segments of the actual crafting of draft language for the Master Plan.

The Chairman stated that he has cancelled the next regular meeting (July 8th, 2015) of the Planning Board. They will be next meeting on July 22nd, 2015. July 29th is a workshop in which they will be looking at draft material to be provided by the Planner. August 12th is a date in which the board will hold public information session and solicit public input regarding the draft Land Use Chapter.

V. Adjournment: Mrs. Farnham made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, seconded by Mr. Wakefield carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce W. Woodruff
Town Planner