

Town of Moultonborough Planner Search Committee  
Meeting- April 20, 2009 7 PM Town Hall

Attending: Joanne Coppinger, Chair, Jean Beadle, Natt King, Joe Skiffington, Robert Stephens, Judy Ryerson

Not attending: Barbara Perry (resigned), Carter Terenzini (excused)

Public: Hollis Austin, Jim Leiterman, Nancy Wright, 2 others

Chairman Joanne Coppinger opened the meeting at 7 PM.

The board members had expected to see the first batch of applications, but Mrs. Coppinger explained that she had not received them from the Town Administrator's office or from the Land Use office so the group did not have those to review.

Mrs. Coppinger said the task for the evening was to go over the questions again, to see if Committee members are satisfied with the rankings and to edit them if needed. She offered to make the changes directly into her laptop. Judy Ryerson volunteered to keep minutes. There was a brief discussion as to whether work on the questions should be a matter for non-public session. After looking at the material relating to 91A, the open meetings RSA, the group concluded that this might be allowed, but the group also felt it was unnecessary and not good policy. Natt King suggested that if the Committee reviewed and re-worked the questions at this meeting, but did not include them in the minutes that would accomplish the goal of keeping them from having a broad circulation. Mrs. Coppinger asked if anyone in the audience was a candidate for this position. Hearing nothing, the committee was polled, and unanimously voted to remain in open session with the results of the work on the questions to be circulated internally, and not printed in the minutes.

The group then fine-tuned the questions resulting in the elimination of a couple of questions, re-writing of most and the addition of one new question on protection of water quality, and elevation of others from the matrix to fill in empty slots. Question 51 was removed from the list to be reserved for a possible "Homework" question. At the next session, the group will go over the questions as edited and amended.

There was also discussion about how the questions would be dealt with, how the applicants would be able to get the information needed to answer the questions, and what would be expected of the applicants. Several of the questions dealt with the Master Plan, the recent Town Meeting Warrant, town ordinances and other land use regulations. The group discussed how the applicant would get that information. It was generally felt that the applicant should show initiative and acquire that information, all of which is public, and not be supplied with it. The group also discussed the fact that the full, final Master Plan has not yet been posted to the web site and since most of the applicants so far come from outside New Hampshire, that information should be there. Natt King volunteered to ask the Town Administrator to be sure that the Master Plan is posted to the website.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45.

Next Meeting, April 27, 7 PM-Moultonborough Town Hall