

Planning Board
Work Session
October 3, 2006
Approved January 2, 2007

Members Present: Bill Weiler (Vice-Chair), Al Bachelder, Ron Williams, Dave Thayer, Travis Dezotell, Deane Geddes; Ken McWilliams (Advisor).

Mr. Weiler opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Weiler turned the floor over to Mr. McWilliams who led the discussion of master plan recommendations.

CASE: ADM1- 061 - MASTERPLAN

Chapter IV – Community Facilities & Services and Recreation

Highway Department Services

Calvin Prussman represented the department. The board reviewed a report on department needs submitted by Deane Geddes. The major concern was outdoor space. The three acres bought for the facility was too small. Mr. Prussman expressed an interest in adding at least two acres and possibly the entire lot owned by Graf. The recommendations of the 1997 master plan were reviewed and updated. Location of the sand shed used by the public was discussed. The department facility is not an option because it conflicts with site security.

Other Town Buildings

Betsy Soper presented her study of buildings, and Dennis Pavlicek made additional supporting comments. She stated that the Planning Board has a manuscript copy of her report on file. Dennis offered to have the report typed. The following are needed:

new police building

a village green

a community center/senior center

a function hall - it was agreed that the Town Hall (S. Newbury) would fulfill this need.

The proposed Velie Playground was discussed. Dennis said the current thinking is to provide a 100 foot square space in back of the library for the project.

The following buildings were mentioned and commented on:

Grange Hall - currently being used by the Grange, possible use as a museum in the future

Sherman Hall - currently being used by the Historical Society, town record repository
Hearse House - currently used for storage, part of town heritage, no burden
Veterans Hall - currently used for Fire Department storage - much debate over whether to save it or demolish it, the deed of gift needs to be researched for restrictions
Old Highway Garage - much discussion but no agreement about what to do with it
Bald Sunapee house - unused - deteriorated to the point of being unsalvageable
Library - in good shape
Safety Services Building - currently used by Fire and Police - will be adequate for Fire when the Police move out
Town Office Building - in great shape, but lacks a fire proof vault for Town Clerks records

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Communication Services

Dennis and Cal commented on the poor radio coverage in town, but there seems to be no solution on the horizon. Good progress has been made in providing equipment which allows the various departments to talk to each other.

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Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to postpone review of the Land Use Section until the next meeting.

Mr. McWilliams presented a proposal to carry out additional work on the master plan this year. Dennis reported that there was a surplus in the planning board budget that could be used. The work proposed included updating the Natural Resource Chapter at a cost of \$1250, of which \$250 has already been budgeted, and writing a Historic Preservation Chapter at a cost of \$1500.

Motion: That the board budget for additional work on the Natural Resource Chapter at a cost of \$1000, and for a new Historic Preservation Chapter at a cost of \$1500. Motion made by Ron. Second made by Dave. Motion carried.

Mr. McWilliams announced that a draft CIP would be arriving soon and that review of the document should be put on the agenda for October 17th.

Mr. Bachelder noted that there have been no final versions of the minutes since March 1st. He asked when these would be completed.

Mr. Geddes requested that there be a recommendation in the master plan to financially support the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn at about 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Weiler