

Planning Board
September 4, 2007
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Members Present: Barbara Freeman, Chair; Bill Weiler, Vice-Chair; Travis Dezotell; Jim Powell, Ex-Officio; Tom Vannatta; Ron William; Ken McWilliams, Advisor

Mrs. Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., and the Board reviewed the minutes of August 7 2007 and made corrections.

Mr. Weiler made a motion to accept the minutes of August 7, 2007 as corrected. Mr. Vannatta seconded the motion. All in favor.

CASE: Adm1-061: Masterplan

Introduction

The Board reviewed the draft of the Masterplan Introduction and made revisions.

PURPOSE OF MASTER PLAN should be the first paragraph and *OVERALL VISION FOR NEWBURY'S FUTURE* should be the second paragraph, keeping *PROCESS TO UPDATE THE MASTER PLAN* as third.

Mr. McWilliams explained that the layout of this Masterplan is formatted after the 1997 Masterplan with more current data and information.

Mr. Weiler requested that the current Masterplan be referenced as the 2007 Masterplan even though it may not be put to press and circulated until the beginning of 2008. He commented that the reference date is important to maintain consistency with the 10-year rule.

Chapter VIII - Natural and Cultural Resources

The Board reviewed the draft of Chapter VIII – Natural and Cultural Resources and made revisions.

Sense of the majority of the Board was to eliminate references to seasonal residents and tourists. The primary focus of the Masterplan should be quality of life for Newbury residents.

Mr. McWilliams explained that in one of the last sections of the Natural and Cultural Resources Chapter he drafted a summary pertaining to Conservation in which he referenced the Conservation Plan as Appendix B rather than incorporate the Conservation Plan into the Masterplan.

Mr. Weiler stated that the Conservation Commission has not had a chance to review the Conservation Plan since the Plan was drafted in full. He commented that he would like the Conservation Commission to review and discuss the plan before taking Planning Board comments.

Mr. McWilliams stated that Terra Maps supplied the data for the land area characteristics.

The Board agreed that the data should reference how much of Newbury's total area (including water) is forest separate from how much of Newbury's total *land* area (not including water) is forest.

Mr. Powell commented that in his point of view, the promotion of Newbury as an attraction is a contradiction of wanting to keep Newbury rural. The more people, the less rural Newbury becomes.

The Board agreed to delete all references to data in 1990 even though some of the text will be lost.

Mr. Dezotell informed the Board that the entire NH Wildlife Inventory has been identified within the Fells property.

Mr. Powell commented that mention ought to be made in the text that the Lake Sunapee Protective Association has installed a reporting system to monitor the water quality of Lake Sunapee.

Mr. Weiler mentioned that attention should be brought to the invasive species that are coming into the area and the efforts that are being made to control them, specifically Japanese Knot Weed.

Mr. Dezotell volunteered to draft a section on Fishersfield Park to recognize the Park as a link to Open Space, a Town Forest and a location for Cultural Events.

Mr. Dezotell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weiler seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary