

**WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD**  
**Master Plan Update Subcommittee – Working meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2014**

**Committee members present:** Lolly Gilbert, Jean Kluk, Carolyn Bullock, Bob Williams and Nan Schwartz.

**Visitors:** None

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by Jean Kluk at 2:30 PM, in the Town Hall.
- 2.0 Kluk asked if there were any suggested changes for the minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes.
- 3.0 Kluk gave an update on the report on the Community Workshop, we received the reports from Dan at UNH Cooperative Extension and copies are available for the public to borrow in the Town Hall, Library and it is available on the Town's website, here:  
[http://www.washingtonnh.org/Pages/WashingtonNH\\_BComm/planning/WashingtonMasterPlanUpdateForum.pdf](http://www.washingtonnh.org/Pages/WashingtonNH_BComm/planning/WashingtonMasterPlanUpdateForum.pdf)
- 4.0 We discuss an email Kluk has from Steve Terani about printing a picture for a gift for the student facilitators. Bullock asked if we could email it to them. Kluk said we don't have email addresses for most of them. She said we gave them mugs and a certificate as a thank you gift at the workshop. Schwartz said that we can put the picture in the town report and the MPUC could do a report that named and honored all the student facilitators and talk about what we have done all year long working toward the MP update.
- 5.0 Discuss the status of out reach to the town Boards and Committees – We took up Land Use and Zoning first, Gilbert said that she got input from the ZBA. Their biggest concerns are the hundreds of existing non-conforming lots in town. They are constantly dealing with variances on these lots when the owners develop or redevelop them. They are suggesting that the town look at undeveloped subdivisions and talk about rescinding them. She said that the Planning Board made no comments. Schwartz explained that at the PB meeting there was discussion and with very few members there it was decided that we would give no response to the request for input. We took up Services and Facilities next. Williams said that he had received input from two departments, DPW and Rescue; he had reached out to almost 10 but so far nothing. Wright (Rescue) talked about the desperate need for people on Rescue and the need to soon go to per diem, paid Rescue people on day time when many town responders are out of town working. He is thinking of reaching out to Goshen and Lempster to help pay for full timers that would respond to these communities also. He also mentioned a Board of Fire Wards that the town could put in place to see to training and running the departments. Schwartz will send Williams the electronic copy of DPW's input. Williams asked what we are doing to chase people down for their input. Schwartz said she doesn't think they need to nag people. Bullock said there are a few more days before the deadline. Last we took up the Natural Resources chapter, Schwartz said they had receive a letter from the chair of the Conservation Commission stating their interest and intention to help with this chapter, essentially they were buying time because they are working on an update for the Natural Resource Inventory and Conservation Plan and associated maps. They are very interested in helping with the chapter. They didn't receive anything so far from the Forestry Committee but their chair has been out of the country and they are meeting later in October.
- 6.0 Discuss drafting the chapters - Kluk said we should draft an overview, summary and come up with goals. She suggested looking at the old MP chapter for what was said before. Williams asked how we move forward, are each group going to do a first cut of their chapter. He felt when we reconvene we should have a draft. We decided we would send the drafts out to all

members of the MPUC so they have time to read through them. Schwartz said that she pulled all the relevant questions and comments from the community survey, the workshop and the old chapter for Natural Resources from the last MP for reference on the chapter. Bullock said we should wait until the 24<sup>th</sup> for any more input and then start. Williams wanted a goal for a first draft. Kluk suggested we try to get our first draft done by the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, send them out and then we will meet again on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kluk will ask Bissonnette if she wants to start on Economic Development since she has worked on the Vision Statement.

7.0 Vision Statement – Bissonnette sent us two drafts of the Vision Statement and the previous one to look at. Everyone agreed that they liked Version B best, but a few revisions were suggested. Williams suggested losing “legacy families” and possibly use this term elsewhere in the document. Gilbert said we are an amalgamation of people who have owned property for many years and those who haven’t been here that long. Williams said he didn’t like using the term “sacred” duty, we decided to lose “sacred”. We thought that we should use the non-gender specific “fore bearers”. Williams made a comment on Vision statement #3 – he wasn’t sure if the survey and workshop supported this statement. Bullock said that there is a division in town over the structures and what will become of them if they aren’t used for their purpose; she said she observed this at Town Meeting. Kluk said she felt this topic was covered in the Task Force report. Williams said that if we were comfortable with the wording on #3, we would stick with it. We decided we would continue to discuss it and keep it for now. On #5 we discussed and decided to lose the word “fast”, just leaving access to emergency... We were all pleased with the work Bissonnette had done and we felt we can always add another statement later if we decide to.

8.0 Principles and Recommendations – Kluk said we should be aware of the previous P&Rs in the old MP but we should let new ideas come up as we write the chapters. We will leverage the old ones and build on them. Schwartz said she would look for the original 1981 Master Plan and the 1990 community survey for reference.

9.0 Our next meeting is next Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan Schwartz  
Planning Board Secretary