

Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2014
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Ms. Meola, Mr. Olson, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Simmarano

TWPC members absent: Ms. Bohnson, Ms. Chanis, Ms. Dunne, Mr. Owanisian

Mr. Gaumond called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Eric Smith of CMRPC was introduced to brief the TWPC on the update for the land use/zoning & housing/population chapters. Mr. Smith spoke of the following items in a powerpoint presentation to the TWPC and interested citizens and members of other boards and committees:

- His progress on the plan so far
- Spoke of new commercial and housing developments since the last Master Plan.
- MassGIS info was presented
- Discussion of assessor land use data. Eric Smith wished to follow up with the assessors on a couple of pieces of the data before finalizing the plan.
- Comparison of residential use
- Lot sizes of single family dwellings
- Vacant land and chapter land
- Zoning districts
- Developable residential land

On the population chapter, Mr. Smith provided the following updates:

- Population changes including the rate of growth
- Questions about the prison population – it was agreed to use 1150 as a good average for discussion and comparison purposes.
- Population by age
- Ethnicity – there were questions as to why this information was important for the plan.
- Population projections
- Housing characteristics and tenure
- Housing sales and sales prices
- Building Permits
- Types of structures and age of structures
- Income levels
- Affordability and subsidized housing stock

Mr. Gaumond offered to send Mr. Smith the most recent implementation guide for the Master Plan. He also agreed to have the draft presentation included on the town website.

Mr. Vignaly asked about the land use years. Mr. Smith mentioned that MassGIS data is not updated yet which restricts its utilization. TWPC agreed to remove this date and use best known current data and to include the raw data as an appendix.

Mr. Smith offered to answers any questions via email at esmith@cmrpc.org.

There were questions about the map orientation. Mr. Smith agreed to change the orientation for the digital maps.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator