

Westminster Master Plan Committee

Westminster Master Plan Minutes 5/15/13

Committee Members Present: Steve Wallace, Mike Fortin, Heather Billings, Mike Gallant, Dean Johnson, Laila Michaud, Linda Wiest Others: Lorraine Emerson, Vance Butterfield, ML Altobelli

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Minutes from 4/17/13 approved: Scott motion, Linda second AIF

Listen to DPW input on the Town Government Chapter:

DPW met with our Town Accountant and talked to other towns for their opinions of what items are included in Schedule A. They provided handout of how they view the budget numbers that make up Schedule A. Their version listed the Water and Sewer Enterprise funds and the Road articles for maintenance/repair as separate line items.

Steve Wallace suggested that rather than revise anything in the chapter, the DPW comments would be included as an addendum or if summarized into a paragraph it could be included in the body of the text.

Debrief from May 7th Open Space Public Forum:

30 people attended. Went through the Open Space map. 30% (approximately 7000 acres) is permanently protected. Difference with Chapter properties- their designation can revert back, back taxes paid, and the land can be sold and developed.

Review Goals and Objectives of Open Space Chapter:

Consider snowmobile use (not ATV) as volunteers are active in keeping trails open and clean.

Conservation areas are passive recreation only.

Share list of goals with historical society, as they may have input.

Plan to meet with the Open Space Committee in August to finalize wording.

Next meeting:

June 5-Economic Development guest speaker to discuss Bio Technology

June 19-Jeff Lacy guest speaker to discuss Cluster Zoning Options and Open Space Subdivision Design

Discuss our options for conducting a Main Street design workshop.

John Mullen- U Mass landscape architecture program put notice up that we're looking for help. May need a bigger project to make it worthwhile for them.

Conway School of Design- Does the same sort of thing, under direction of instructor.

Motion to adjourn- Dean, Mike G- AIF

Respectfully submitted by:Heather Billings