

Westminster Master Plan Committee

Westminster Master Plan Minutes 3/20/13

Present: Steve Wallace, Mike Fortin, Heather Billings, Dean Johnson, Laila Michaud, Ted Fiffy, Richelle Brown

Guests: Joe Serio and Joe Flanagan from the Economic Development Committee, Fire Chief Brent MacAloney and two members of the Fire Department.

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Minutes from 12/5/12 approved: Richelle motion, Dean second, AIF

Comments on Government Chapter from Chief MacAloney:

Chief MacAloney provided an extensive handout with data compiled from research into the chart comparing per capita spending for area towns.

-Our increase in staffing was in response to needs and approved at Town Meetings.

-Worthwhile exercise to look at all of the data in detail. Hard to compare Westminster with other communities because of routed highways and the unique services that must be provided for the businesses.

Questions raised concerned mutual aid calls- would it be more convenient for other towns to cover calls closer to them? Westminster does utilize mutual aid for certain calls, but as assistance, not as substitute.

Mike Fortin shared National Fire Protection Association report with Chief MacAloney

SW- suggested that the committee review the packet for discussion at the next meeting.

Economic Development Chapter:

Reviewed recommendations and prioritized them. The EDC will do the same and we will compare in April.

Joe Flanagan suggested that the committee review Dr Mullin's presentation from January 2010. Steve will make copy available for circulation.

EDC comments will be finalized at the April meeting.

Open Space Chapter:

Forum on May 7th at Forbush Memorial Library

Motion to adjourn 8:44 by Dean, Laila seconded, AIF

Adjourn at 8:27 motion made by Dean, seconded by Ted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather Billings