

Westminster Master Plan April 16, 2014

Present: Steve Wallace, Laila Michaud, Mike Gallant, Linda Wiest, Mike Fortin, Ted Fiffy, Heather Billings, Richelle Brown, Dean Johnson
Call to order at 7:00pm

Approve minutes Feb 26, 2014 Laila, Mike, AIF
March, 2014 Mike G, Laila, AIF

Debrief from the Main Street Design Workshop: 50 people in attendance, a diverse cross section from town. U Mass students facilitated well. Students will make a presentation at a future BOS meeting. Steve Cecil, who will prepare implementation plan, was in attendance.

Looked at sidewalks, width of the road and discussed traffic calming measures, similar to the walkability report. Rather than having cones, we could manipulate the curb line to prevent passing on the right.

Need to discuss DPW recommendations of the Walkability report, this report and pavement management studies with DPW

Town maintain character- New England Village mentioned on first survey. Discussed how redesign might work. If BOS agreed to support with redesign of main street. Use the U Mass Report, Cecil report, sit down with DPW, sit with mass Highway and talk conceptually of what we want out of the deal. At that time, if they say no, we would revisit the redistrict issue.

Make Village Zoning part of site plan standards. Possibly include color pallet for colonial colors. Not just white, recommendations for fencing.

Underground power lines would be nice.

Dot preference exercise-U Mass students have the papers.

Last comments on Land Use Chapter

Investgate petition to take over Main street jurisdiction from the State. If we do take over Main Street, there are more maintenance costs that the town would have to incur.

Future land use map- everybody ok with it? Visual translation of land use goals.

Prepare Master Plan Implementation Plan-go through the big list of recommendations & determine if they will be short, mid, long and ongoing.

Fix up implementation schedule- and post online. That will be completely posted by the end of April. Town meeting presentation is prepared. Full draft to look at, over the next 5 months. Read and get comments by September. Early October last public forum, here's the plan what do you think. Last editing session in October, go to town meeting for acceptance. Recruit people who have supported us along the way.

Make paper copies to have available Town Clerks, BOS, Planning, Library. Senior Center also. Not in any private business.

Discuss Committee meeting schedule-

April 28th BOS meeting to support the student presentations.

Meeting in May 21st- choose photographs to insert into text & cover.

Also in May have designate outreach assignments.

June & July off

Reconvene in August 20th- report on outreach assignments.

Motion to adjourn: Laila, Dean, AIF