

Town of Waterboro

20/20 Master Planning Committee

Minutes

November 3, 2010, Old Town Hall Meeting Room

Call to order at 6:15 pm by Tom Ursia, Town Planner.

Present: Bob Powers, Roger Macomber, Sandi Binette, Todd Abbott, Jack Seery, Kent Whitten, Steve Eveld, and Selectmen Dennis Abbott.

Review & Accept Agenda: Motion to approve by Jack, seconded by Roger. Voted, passed.

Minutes: Roger made the motion to accept the minutes of October 6, 2010 as written. Sandi seconded. Voted, passed.

Guests: None in attendance.

Announcements:

Selectmen Abbott is looking for volunteers to participate in a 1-2 min public service announcement for the 20/20 Committee. It will explain the committee's work and inform the public as to how they may participate. Tom, Dennis and Sandi will work with Dave Lowe, IT Manager.

Jack informed the Committee of the Library Referendum vote taken.

Words of Wisdom: Kent spoke on the lack of uniformity in State licensing, ie: building contractors do not need to be licensed, but beauticians do.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comments/feedback from attending citizens: None.

Village Planning Chapter: Jack feels that collectively the Committee has to agree on what constitutes a 'village'. Businesses? Sidewalks? Tom stated that before it can be defined, what it is or could be, you need to discuss your landscape, what it is and what it could be. Usually a large chain store isn't part of a 'village'. Zoning can dictate villages. Steve spoke on the feeling one gets in a village. Multi-use, center of shops, feels good. There are typically 4 villages in Waterboro today. Dennis said the zoning dictates the uses of villages. Does one revitalize what there was? All committees need to work together and be working together to create common goals.

Strategic Communications: Sandi stated that the common goals include how and where development happens. Discussion held on how the Committee should proceed with meeting with the other Town Committees and what questions will be asked of each specific committee. Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Economic Development Committee and the Road Review Committee are key groups to meet with. Bob interjected that the ultimate role of this committee is to separate realistic from pipe dreams and need to compromise. Tom agreed, and that the Committee should not let current reality dampen the Committee's creativity. The Committee needs to plot what we have now, then be creative and make a plan for the future. Todd state that the Committee gets the best perspective of what the public wants and work towards it. Past Comprehensive Plans haven't had any action plans, and this Committee needs to be sure they are included in this plan and get implemented. Other discussion on talking, gathering information, go back to the Committees once a decision is made, so no-one is surprised. The Plan has to include all opinions of the townspeople and committees, everyone has to be on board and feel they had a part in the Plan. The Committees need to be united, flexible and be willing to move forward. Dennis stated the Board of Selectmen needs to facilitate so that all committees are engaged together, and will discuss with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Meeting Dates: Discussion held. Todd made the motion to motion to change the meeting time to 5 pm to 6:45 pm so Tom can attend Planning Board meetings. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 5 pm at Central Fire Station. Roger seconded. Voted, passed.

Visioning Sessions, Subcommittee: Tom passed out a communication he had with the Principal at Massabesic High School in regards to the Young Adults Visioning Session. Listed were 6 questions that would be asked. Tom will facilitate the session, which will tentively be held on November 9th. Discussion was held on a session with home schoolers. Kent will research and make a list, talk with the Librarian and work on a date to be held.

2011 Operating Budget: Todd reported that a the Committee could request a Special Town Meeting, if necessary, as no monies were allocated to the Plan in this fiscal year. He presented a rough draft of FYE2012 Operating Budget request. Copies will be sent to Committee members for next meeting's discussion. Tom stated that he submitted a CIP request for Village Planning in the sum of \$15,000. He past out a copy of a communication from Conway School of Landscape Design that he included with the CIP request. He is still looking at other funding sources.

Other:

Tom requested that Todd report back to this Committee in January on the new Charter Commission.

Jack requested that Tom teach the Committee about Comprehensive Planning terminology.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

December 1, 2010 Agenda Items:

Operating Budget Request – Todd, Steve, Kent
PSA Update – Tom, Dennis, Sandi
Village Planning Chapter - Tom
Young Adult Visioning Session – Tom
Home Schoolers Session - Kent
Briefing Date – Town Committees - Dennis
General Visioning Session – Reschedule to January, 2011
Charter Commission Report – January, 2011 - Todd

Next Meeting: December 1 – 5 PM to 6:45 PM – Central Fire Station

Adjournment: Jack made the motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Roger seconded. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary