

Town of Waterboro

20/20 Master Planning Committee

Minutes

January 5, 2011 – Raven Hill Orchards

Call to order: 5 PM, by Tom Ursia, Town Planner.

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

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

Minutes: Roger made the motion to accept the minutes of December 1, 2010 as written. Jack seconded. Voted, passed.

Correspondence: Acknowledge receipt of Memo from Charter Review Commission in regards to comments and/or suggestions for their review process. Due to time restraints on this meeting's agenda, it was agreed to review the current Charter at the February meeting.

Announcements: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comments/feedback from attending citizens: None.

PSA Progress Report: Sandi reported that she had done a PSA in regards to the January 7th. Visioning Session for the Municipal Channel. No report on Board of Selectmen requested PSA. Discussion held on best form to use for public announcements.

OLD BUSINESS:

Visioning Sessions:

1) General Visioning Session: Friday, January 7, 2011 at the Massabesic Middle School from 6 to 9 PM. Bob to touch bases with school about set up, etc. Committee members are asked to be there by 5:30 PM. Todd will put signs at each entrance to the school and stated that a budget of \$200. is available. Sandi will work on refreshments. Tom will put together the suggested questions from the Dec. 1, 2010 minutes and have it printed. He will also work up a sign-up sheet and make name tags. Members are asked to bring 2 people to the session and also, e-mail residents in their e-mail accounts about the session.

2) Young Adults Visioning Session: Tom handed out a copy of the feedback from the questionnaire from Massabesic High School that 84 Waterboro students completed. It was a huge success and Tom has thanked Principal Elkington for his participation in the event. Bob suggested that the local newspaper editors be contacted and public recognition be given to all. Bob agreed to do write up.

3) Home Schoolers Visioning Session: Kent reported that it appears no one is interested in participating. However, he will be having his 2 children fill out a form.

2011 Operating Budget: Todd reported that he and Tom worked together on the Committee's Operating Budget Request for FY 2011-2012. A copy of which was handed out. The amount requested was \$59,600. Tom gave an update on the Energy Grant monies.

Other Business: Discussion held on a State approved vs. not State approved Comprehensive Plan. Tom stated that a State approved plan gives the Town the right to go after a CDBG (Community Development Block Grants). However, Waterboro doesn't qualify for the grants due to a formula used from census figures vs. poverty levels in a Town. Waterboro will still be eligible other grants, both State and Federal. A further discussion on this subject will be held in April. Also discussed was the need to let the public know what an 'action plan' is and how does the Town benefit from them.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

February 2, 2011 Agenda Items:

- PSA Update – Sandi
- Village Planning Chapter - Tom
- Joint Meeting of Town Committees - Tom
- General Visioning Session – Tom
- Charter Review Commission Input – Todd
- Comprehensive Planning Terminology Session - Tom

April 6, 2011 Agenda Items:

- State Approved Comprehensive Plan

Next Meeting: February 2, 2011 – 5 PM to 6:45 PM – Central Fire Station

Adjournment: Jack made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Sandi seconded. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary