

Town of Waterboro

20/20 Master Planning Committee

Minutes

June 22, 2011 – Central Fire Station

Call to order: 5:09 PM, by Tom Ursia, Town Planner.

Present: Bob Powers, Todd Abbott, Steve Eveld, Kent Whitten, Roger Macomber and Selectmen Dennis Abbott

Review & Accept Agenda: Bob made the motion to accept as written. Kent seconded. Voted, passed.

Minutes: Roger made the motion to accept the minutes of April 6, 2011, as written. Bob seconded. Voted, passed.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Jack Seery's resignation was acknowledged with regret.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comments/feedback from attending citizens: None.

Looking ahead for the start-up of the Energy & Village Chapters: CIP monies requested were not passed at the Annual Town Meeting, however the \$20,000. for the Village Chapter was approved. Tom has put out a request for Letters of Interest/Proposals for the Energy Chapter. By the end of December, 2011, audit and financials need to be back to the state; ideally, completion on or before September 30, 2011. He hasn't had a commitment yet, but has had some interest shown by UMO, MIT, Woodward & Curran and a Pennsylvania firm. Dennis suggest contacting the group that did the Town's Energy Audit. Tom stated that anyone knowing someone to contact should let him know. Todd was concerned that the Chapter becomes too grandiose and could never be achieved. Tom questioned Dennis about each chapter going to the Board of Selectmen; Dennis knew of no protocol, but that would make sense to feed a chapter at a time to the Board. Discussion on what the Energy Chapter might consist of: energy alternatives, efficiency alternatives, initiatives, incentives and retrofit of municipal buildings. The purpose would be education of energy, assets, posting for grants, etc.; need to keep it general, but specific enough for grant processes.

Outcome of joint meeting with Board of Selectmen, 20/20 and Planning Board on Route 5 – future land use zones: Dennis handed out graphs depicting the results of the meeting. Noted that there should be regular meetings with the 20/20 Committee, Planning Board and other committees/boards. Whereas the 20/20 group have held visioning sessions and public hearings, they have a lot of information to share. Dennis will attend the Planning Board meeting on June 6th. to set up a joint meeting on July 20th. of questions or information 20/20 needs back from the Planning Board. Dennis feels that members of other committees should attend 20/20 meetings. He noted that the last meeting of each month, the BoS have workshops. The EDC has objectives and plans that the 20/20 needs to know about, therefore they need to have meetings with 20/20 to help with their long term goals. They need to see the recommendation of the visioning sessions. 20/20 has to develop a plan from all of the committees input and has to set timelines. Neil Courtney is currently working on a report for the Fire Dept., which the 20/20 may be able to use as a tool for a Public Safety Chapter. May want to use the Land Trust in lieu of a Conservation Commission.

Outcome of Annual Town Meeting budget request: Article 30 gave \$20,000. to 20/20 for Village Planning. The Conway School of Design has been contacted and they are to call back and confirm their work with the 20/20. All agreed for Tom to get specifics of work that will be accomplished and will bring a draft to the next meeting. The Committee needs to come up with a work plan to give to the Board of Selectmen. Agreed that Tom should draft one for the next meeting, covering the timeframe of July, 2011 to May, 2012. It will include the scope of the work, timeline and knowledge of what the product will be. The Village Chapter will probably be completed in late June, 2012.

Chapter for Recreational Plan for Town: This would be a big umbrella chapter, including open space and it's use. Assets of the Town include Little Ossipee Lake, Ossipee Mountain, trail systems, etc. that need to be protected. Should capitalize on tourism. Dennis spoke to the need of a joint meeting with the EDC, as need to list resources, economic and conservation prospects. Currently there are no plans for municipal land. Some went to the Land Trust. Suggestions that Villages not stand alone, but interconnect; not sure whether that needs to be done. In regards to the water system, the town has no control of future demands or protection. Infrastructure does not have a good chapter currently. Tom stated that infrastructure (roads), water supply and subsurface systems are huge pieces. Dennis said options need to be explored. Bob sees more potential for co-ordination than ever to happen in town. Tom said that natural resources and open space should be addressed; should tourism be built in? Todd spoke about the school system; how many homes can we afford to have built? Dennis said he would set up a workshop on July 26th. with all the committees.

Traffic Counter: Roger reported that the Road Review Committee purchased one in 2010, which was only put out once. At the 2011 Annual Town Meeting they were appropriated money to purchase 3 more. A lot of information can be obtained from the use of them.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Next Meeting: July 20, 2011 – 6 PM – Central Fire Station
July 26, 2011 – 6 PM - Joint Meeting with Committees and
Board of Selectmen

Adjournment: Todd made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Roger seconded. Voted,
passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary

Approved September 7, 2011