

Town of Waterboro

20/20 Master Planning Committee

Minutes

May 23, 2012 – 6 PM – Central Fire Station

Call to Order: 6 PM. Present: Chm. Tom Ursia, Bob Powers, Roger Macomber, Dave Barker, Dianne Holden, Todd Abbott and Selectmen Dave Woodsome. Guests: Conway School Students, Shana & Molly.

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

Minutes: Review, discuss & vote on minutes for May 16, 2012 meeting: Todd made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Roger seconded. Voted, passed.

Announcements: Tom reported that he and Bob will present the 20/20 Report at the Selectmen's meeting on May 29th.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Meet with Conway Students: Shana & Molly did a presentation of village concepts. The goal is to represent village and landscape guidelines. They gained their overview of Waterboro thru interviews, reading and reviewing other villages and encouraged feedback. Their hope is to inspire and help create village growth development. Their timeline is to have the final done by June 8th. and the graphics done by June 16th. All agreed that the graphics are great and will be a wonderful tool for presenting the future concepts. Discussion: Sel. Dave didn't think the depiction of Center Waterboro vs. Shelburne Falls is realistic. Todd felt that the traffic and density need to be considered. Tom noted that Waterboro's zoning doesn't allow small setbacks and we also currently have height requirements. Bob would like to see road infrastructure included in the presentation to coincide with our next Chapter. Contact for the students while finalizing the project will be Todd. Tom will provide them with the Town owned properties. All agreed to have the presentation at Town Meeting include all four Village areas.

Discuss Committee's date and time of meetings: Agreed that the next meeting will be held on June 20th. at 5 PM, Central Fire Station.

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Work plan for 20/20 Committee

PRIMARY QUESTIONS:

- Is there a way to calculate the land carrying capacity to meet the potential growth based demand to the year 2032?
- Will there be a need for a wastewater treatment facility before 2032? If so, where should such a facility be located in the Town of Waterboro?
- How many subsurface waste water systems can be approximated in the Town?

CONTINUUM:

- Establish and expand a strong communication and coordination system with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Waterboro Planning Board, the Waterboro Water District, the RSU 57 School District, the Waterboro Land Trust, the Conservation Committee and all other appropriate Town Committees/Boards on wastewater issues/discoveries.

THE TASKS AHEAD:

- Examine the soil types, wetlands and all significant sand & gravel aquifer systems and their relationships with existing concentrations of subsurface systems
- Determine priority areas and forecasted costs to be served by a sewer collection & treatment system
- Prepare a planimetric map showing residential, commercial and institutional uses with their anticipated subsurface wastewater concentrations. Prepare scaled overlay maps for soil, wetlands and aquifers.
- Determine best possible alternative locations for future economic development, business and/or industrial parks areas.

Old Business:

Update on Zoning Maps: Tom hopes to have the Zoning Maps before Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Discussion: Subcommittee report: Bob, Tom & Dave B.: Moved by Dave, seconded by Roger, to have Dianne and Sel. Dave speak in regards to the budget article. Voted, passed.

Discuss Infrastructure Chapter: Tom handed out a sheet in regards to Wastewater Infrastructure. Sel. Dave feels that the Town shouldn't have a treatment system. Bob stated that we should do an action plan. Dave B. felt that an industrial park would most likely want one. Tom stated in some cases a business would put in their own self-contained system, with the Town helping to obtain grants etc. A wastewater report has backdoor benefits which would give the Town information on where water systems should be and where well heads should be in the future. Discussion on the timeframe and cost of the report. Tom would do plotting and mapping work as much as possible; to be completed in Feb or March of 2013; the cost would be no more than \$30,000., however, the Committee is at the will of Town Meeting for their budget. Bob felt we need to have analysis of current information by someone with technical skills to tell us how much wastewater is going into the ground and when will the potential problem arise, that way we can plan and have a timeframe for what is needed to be done in the future. Tom stated that low land will be an issue area. Some information can be obtained from State GIS. Waterboro has a lot of wetlands; water and minerals are like an oil and water mixture. The research will tell the Town where the best location in Town is to build. Bob said that in addition to the wastewater component, it will help decide where a business park, whether public or private, should be located. An overview of this component will be part of the presentation to the Board of Selectmen on the 29th.

Adjournment: Dave B. made the motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Roger seconded. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary

Approved June 20, 2012