

**MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH,  
New Hampshire**

February 10, 2010

**Minutes**

The Master Plan Steering Committee held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. in the Selectmen's Room of the Peterborough Town House.

**Members present:** Chairman Mose Olenik, Peter Gosline, Sue Chollet, Beth Alpaugh-Cote, Craig Hicks, and Rick Monahon.

**Also present:** Carol Ogilvie, Director and Laura Norton, Administrative Assistant and Fash Farashahi, GIS Specialist, Office of Community Development.

**Meeting called to order:** 5:50 p.m.

Statement from the Chair:

None

Minutes:

A motion was made/seconded (Cote/ Chollet) to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2009 as written with all in favor.

Status Report on Cultural Resources Subcommittee:

Ms. Ogilvie noted that while a subcommittee status report by member David Simpson had been received "the Committee has not had the opportunity to discuss it." The members had a brief discussion about the letter with no specific comments. Mr. Monahon noted the subcommittee had been meeting for more than six months now "so maybe we are ready to hear from (Chairman) David Macy." Chair Olenik asked "can he tell us anything more than what Mr. Simpson has?" Mr. Monahon (also a member of the subcommittee) replied "well you are right, we have done some scratching but we have not really put the pen to paper." Chair Olenik noted "so if they report to us right now they really have nothing new. I suggest that when they have a rough draft they should come in." Mr. Monahon agreed, noting "we are still doing primary research versus actual writing." Chair Olenik also suggested asking Mr. Macy for a tentative date for the first draft with Ms. Ogilvie to follow up.

Update of Regional Concerns Chapter:

Ms. Chollet noted with a laugh "we are not really zooming ahead either" but noted she had met with the Monadnock Area Fire Chiefs Association (MAFCA) in Peterborough. She explained her visit and noted she was impressed with "the way they work together. They were very communicative people and I was very comfortable." She briefly reviewed the types of questions she had for the group (including joint purchasing, equipment and apparatus sharing, joint and regional training and resource sharing (hazmat units etc.) "It was nothing earth shattering" she

said “but there were Chiefs from Jaffrey, Nashua, New Ipswich, Fitzwilliam, Dublin, Greenfield, Hancock and Meadowood to name a few.” She noted she would make sure Chief Lenox got a copy of her notes. Ms. Chollet went on to say that she would expect do something similar with the Regional Police Chiefs group as well. The members had a brief discussion of the various ways they might present their questions and concerns to that group, employing Chief Guinard as a Liaison.

The members then had a discussion about “the huge problem of the lack of volunteers and their wish, need and drive to give back to the community.” Mr. Hicks spoke about regional uses and the town Ladder Truck as an example of apparatus sharing. “It will make us more efficient in the future” he said. He expanded the example to the Recycling Center, the Library and the Recreation Department to make his point and added “then you determine the maximum distance any one of the services is from someone in need.” It was noted the distances may differ depending on the service considered. Mr. Monahan agreed that gaining an understanding of what the issues are and identifying approaches to deal with them in the future was important, adding “we also need to articulate the baseline of where those levels of service already exist.” Ms. Chollet concluded by noting their group is close to writing their draft once they got input from the regional police organization.

Ms. Alpaugh-Cote gave a very brief summary of the efforts of the Water Resources group and noted that they too, we getting ready to write their draft.

Ms. Ogilvie pointed out another regional resource may be the group of road agents that meet on a regular basis at the Town House. “We might as well include them in the chapter” she said. Ms. Chollet asked about the Recreation Department with Ms. Ogilvie replying “I don’t know if there is lot to say about that, it is pretty straight forward, out-of-towners pay a higher fee for recreation services in town.” She went on to note “there may be an opportunity to do something different, I can ask that question.”

Another brief discussion about saving money with regional resources followed with Mr. Hicks noting “at some point money is going to win.” He added “getting people to think about how to do things in a more efficient way is a real challenge but we are crazy if we don’t start thinking about it.” The members also discussed how many regional resources may be advantageous for the pocketbook but perhaps not so much for a sense of community. The members agreed it was worth pursuing “how to, and under what conditions to find sharing acceptable, then start within the town and moving it out to the surrounding communities.” They again reviewed the sharing potential of fire and police services as well as recycling, recreation, waste, water, transportation, road agent services, cultural facilities and alternative energy production infrastructures.

It was noted that information on such services may be obtained and budgets calculated from the various town reports. A brief discussion of the amount of work that would entail followed. It was noted Ms. Ogilvie was already been assigned to research several other components. Ms. Chollet inquired about the level of detail they should go into with Mr. Hicks replying “we are trying to plant the seed for people to think about this, that is our goal.” Ms. Alpaugh-Cote asked if a joint meeting of Boards of Selectmen for surrounding towns might be helpful with Mr. Hicks noting

community select boards and the school board input was a good idea, “that would work” he said adding “I am open to that.”

Build-Out Map:

The members reviewed the Build-Out Map. Mr. Farashahi was present to answer any mapping questions. The questions of the total amount of wetlands in town came up with Mr. Farashahi replying “it depends on what data base you use.” Mr. Farashahi maintained the wetlands acreage was between 3,000 and 11,000 acres. Mr. Hicks interjected “I’ll just stick to my 6,000 acres.”

In conclusion Ms. Ogilvie asked the members about their meeting schedule. They decided on meeting every other month with the next meeting scheduled for April 2010. Ms. Alpaugh-Cote noted they could always call a special meeting if necessary.

**Next Meeting:**

April 14, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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