

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

June 9, 2010

**Minutes**

The Master Plan Steering Committee held its regularly-scheduled meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 in the Selectmen's Room of the Peterborough Town House.

**Members present:** Chairman Mose Olenik, Sue Chollet, Beth Alpaugh-Cote, and Swift Corwin.

**Also present:** Lucy Corwin.

**Staff present:** Carol Ogilvie, Director.

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

**Statement from the Chair:**

None

Mr. Corwin introduced his daughter, Lucy. He explained that she was in the urban planning program at UNH, and that she had met with Ms. Ogilvie to discuss planning. Ms. Ogilvie had asked her to have a look at the Regional Concerns chapter and offer any thoughts she might have on it.

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Chollet/second by Alpaugh-Cote, the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting were approved, with all in favor.

**Update on Cultural Resources Chapter:**

Chair Olenik, who sits on this subcommittee as well, reported that they are well along in their work. There is a draft that is now being reviewed by the members, and this should be ready for the Steering Committee at their next (August) meeting.

**Regional Concerns:**

The Committee began a review of the draft chapter on Regional Concerns. Comments made by the Committee for this chapter include:

- In the Introduction, the list of regional issues should identify the initial topics that are currently being addressed.
- Perhaps there should be a definition of what makes an issue of regional concern.
- There should definitely be language in the chapter that points out that there are regional issues over which the Town has no control. Ms. Corwin had brought a regional concerns

chapter from the Pembroke, NH Master Plan, and read a section from it that makes that statement.

- In the section on Peterborough and its Region, Mr. Corwin noted that in his opinion, it was the very lack of an interstate highway that made Peterborough and this region unique. It is a luxury to not have it, but in other ways it is a detriment.
- Mention should be made of Peterborough's past role in the publishing industry.
- Ms. Corwin noted that she thinks of Peterborough as a "magnet" community, one that is unique in the region.
- It was noted that there is a regional Fire Chief's association that crosses county lines, but that that is not the case for police. The members wondered if that is because Peterborough arrestees are jailed only in Hillsborough County.
- During the discussion on water resources, it was noted that water quality is one of those issues that can be out of a town's control, and in Peterborough's case, it is, since the Contoocook runs north from Jaffrey through Peterborough. The question was raised how Peterborough could initiate dialogue with its neighbors to the south regarding water quality protection measures.
- During the discussion on workforce housing, the Committee would like to see more attention paid to the Town's role in providing housing opportunities. Evans Flats was mentioned, and it was noted that there should be more effort on the Town's part to make Town-owned land available for housing ("challenge the Town to do more").

Ms. Ogilvie stated that she would make these changes, in addition to continuing with the draft preparation, and get this back to the members in advance of their next meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

**Next Meeting: August 11, 2010**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ogilvie