

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, New Hampshire

Minutes of February 22, 2017

Members Present: Sue Chollet, Beth Alpaugh-Cote, Tyler Ward, Ivy Vann and James Kelly

Staff Present: Peter Throop, Director, Laura Norton, Administrative Assistant, Office of Community Development

Master Plan Steering Committee Co-Chair Alpaugh-Cote (Ms. Alpaugh-Cote) called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes:

A motion was made/seconded (Kelly/Cholet) to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2017 as written with all in favor.

Economic Vitality Chapter Update:

Mr. Throop gave the members a debriefing of the Economic Vitality Forum held at Reynold's Hall on February 2nd and asked the various members who had attended give an update of their experience. Ms. Alpaugh-Cote began by noting some of the great ideas that came out of her group at the Housing Table. "There was a variety of people from all different areas of industry" she said.

Mr. Kelly told the members he was disappointed there were not more people at the Entrepreneur Table. He went on to say "there were three or four of us and we mostly discussed attracting younger people to town."

Mr. Ward told the members his group focused on collaboration and mentorships with young people working with older people. He noted discussion about accessibility and public transportation to events in town. Mr. Ward also noted some thoughts on volunteering for a Town board or committee including reimbursement for refreshments or paper goods. "Did that come up?" asked Chair Vann adding "because I know, I have been in the position of waiting to be reimbursed and the money is just not in the budget that week." A brief discussion on process, petty cash and committee budgets followed.

Mr. Throop told the members his table had a housing discussion. "They were a lively group" he said adding "who focused on looking at the salary ranges of \$11

to \$13 dollars an hour.” He noted the group tried to assess what their needs were (and) without an altruistic developer “it doesn’t look like it is going to happen.” He noted NHBB’s Donna Hadley had participated and explained the company’s needs. “They are looking to grow – but how?” he said adding “I think they realize they have to get some skin in the game to reach a solution that meets their needs. They are beginning to understand this and the fact that the Town is *not* a developer.”

Ms. Alpaugh-Cote added “we know they don’t want to be landlords (and) we know they want to maintain their land for eventual expansion of the company.”

The members went on to discuss ideas about housing goals and challenges, sustainable housing and the notion of private/public partnerships. Mr. Throop also spoke briefly about regional housing coalitions.

New Village Project Update (TND II):

Chair Vann gave a brief update of the *Traditional Neighborhood Overlay Zone II* which essentially would allow increased opportunities in town for smaller houses on smaller lots. “February 22nd will be our third public hearing on the ordinance” she said.

Housing Chapter Update:

Mr. Throop told the members that with the initiation of updating the Housing Chapter of the Peterborough Master Plan an advertisement for a short term, citizen (volunteer) planning subcommittee to help carry out the planning process had been published in the local newspaper. He went on to say “as you know, the Housing Chapter seeks to develop an understanding of the Town’s existing housing supply; assess the Town’s housing needs; document how other communities have successfully addressed their housing needs; and develop implementable recommendations that are appropriate for Peterborough.” He told the members the kick-off meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. Chair Vann interjected “Steve Graves may be interested.” In closing Mr. Throop noted he’d received an inquiry for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and that he would be meeting with that individual the next day.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Norton, Administrative Assistant