

Town of Newington, NH
PLANNING BOARD
Master Plan Work Session
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 6, 2017

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Chris Cross called the April 6, 2017 meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Christopher Cross; Chair Denis Hebert; Board Member: Mark Phillips; Planner, Gerald Coogan and Jane Kendall, Recorder

Newington Master Plan

Vice-Chair Cross led an informal discussion to review topics of discussion with Glen Greenwood, Assistant Director of Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) who would be speaking with the Planning Board with the Planning Board on Monday, April 10, 2017 to discuss an outline of Master Plan revisions that they would be working on. He added that RPC would also be assisting the development of questionnaires and establishing compatibility between Newington's Master Plan and the State's development and regional plans.

The main points of the discussion were as follows:

Initial Goals and Objectives:

- Reduce volume of current Master Plan by 80% and separate background material into another document
- Consider consecutive reorganizing of section structure
- Update goals and objectives as required by RSA's
- Reference updated RSA's for clarity and support of planning goals and objectives
- Update terminology throughout
- Consider changing Development Policy to Economic Development and Implementation Actions for commerce and industry
- Move Development Principals from back to front and focus on specific goals
- Consider infrastructure impacts from development
- Consider supporting education, housing, recreation and transportation services in surrounding communities to reduce infrastructure costs to the Town
- Reconsider residential zoning to reflect changing demographic needs

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- Update 50 Principles, simplify statements and phrasing

Initial discussion of revisions to 50 Principles included:

- Removal of completed or redundant items, consolidate and reorganize
- Simplification of statements and phrasing
- Update terminology from “.... responsible for...” to planning or development of... “where applicable
- Update the definition of “rural character” from an agricultural community to maintaining historic views, preserving undeveloped open spaces of varying types and spacious residential lots
- Consider incompatible uses within zones for clarification
- Specify development of commerce and industry that would increase better jobs and an improved tax base
- Require quality appearance and professional development standards in the Commercial Zone
- Update plans for local transportation corridors
- Remove the dissolution of Pease Development Authority
- Consider future redevelopment plans for malls as necessary
- Land use management for extreme droughts and flooding
- Include air, land and water use protections
- Consider reservoirs for local and regional water sources

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017

**Respectfully
Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary