

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
PLANNING BOARD  
FINAL MINUTES  
JULY 7, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Allen Howe, Vice Chairman John Wirkkala, Jonathan Purick, Rich Moen , Select Board Representative Jim Carrick, and Sue Peacock, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Wirkkala

AGENDA ITEM # 1: Master Plan Workshop narrative

Mr. Howe started the meeting by going over his general feedback on narrative. In general, headings throughout the text did not help the reader understand the organization of information. Mr. Howe also said that the document needed to clarify that there is not a village district. For the rural character portion of the report, it might be useful if there was some narrative to help explain why people ranked a picture high or low. Mr. Wirkkala made a general comment; he felt that looking over some of statements seems that they are planner's perspectives, and that the information seems more general to any community. Mr. Wirkkala said that it seemed to be mixed in with statements pertaining to Goshen. These statements should be separated from the more generalized statements. Mr. Wirkkala believes that these statements are all blended in together. Mr. Wirkkala thinks that in terms of organization of the headings that the land use heading should be put first to re-organize, then public roads and transportation, as they seem to be vital to the community. Mr. Wirkkala said the next heading should be then the natural resources, and then community services. Mr. Wirkkala also thinks that Mr. Dzewaltowski should think of the headings as to how Goshen is seen. Mr. Howe believes that there should be an introductory paragraph. Mrs. Wirkkala thought that it did not think that it sounded like the visioning workshop that was held last September. Mrs. Wirkkala thinks that it is important that the longer range goals are recognized, not to get caught up in the moment, and that the town officials need to see into the future.

Mr. Wirkkala spoke about the transportation services, and asked if there is transportation existing that is described, as the Dial-A-Ride. Mr. Wirkkala spoke of survey summary such as single point resources, but Mr. Wirkkala believes that this would be a multi point resource-in the village area.

Mr. Howe believes that there should be an introduction in the narrative, then the results, then a conclusion.

Mr. Howe asked if Mr. Wirkkala could summarize his general notes, and each of them can submit to Mr. Dzewaltowski.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Other Master Plan items:

No input has been received from Mr. Dzewaltowski.

AGENDA ITEM: #3 Update on Newton Park

Mr. Howe researched in the town hall; there was a letter from the Select Board on 12-2005 to Mrs. Bartlett. Mr. Howe read the letter which does not clearly state that it belongs to the town. In the deed to the Grange there is a clause stating that the area be used as a picnic area and no cutting of trees. Mr. Howe stated there was no response to the Select Board letter in the files. Mr. Wirkkala stated that at a town meeting it was voted to have the town take over the property, but that the title needs to be clear. Mr. Howe researched the minutes from the town meeting in 2002 or 2003 to verify the voting. Mrs. Wirkkala also questioned if there was a possibility that the State Grange could have taken over.

AGENDA ITEM # 4: Lempster Wind project tax assessment and school funding

Mr. Howe looked up information in Eagle Times, which stated that the tax assessment is 48 million for the Lempster Wind project.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: Draft minutes 6/30/2009

These minutes will be finalized at a later date.

Mr. Howe made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Moen seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sue Peacock

Planning Board Secretary