



## Mason Planning Board

**October 21, 2020**

Approved

### **Attending Members**

Scott MacGarvey (Chair), Kate Batcheller, Dane Rota, Dotsie Millbrandt (Vice Chair), Cassie Mullen (NRPC)

### **Absent Members**

Charlie Moser (Ex-O), John Suiter (Alternate)

### **Attending Public**

Liz Fletcher, Kathy Chapman, Anna Faiello, Pat Latourneau

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chair Scott MacGarvey

### **Next Regular Meeting**

October 28, 2020

### **Voting Members Tonight**

Voting members tonight: Scott MacGarvey, Dane Rota, Dotsie Millbrandt, Kate Batcheller

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### **Regular/Old Business**

This is a special hearing for the 2020 Master Plan.

### **Minutes**

Not tonight

### **Correspondence**

None

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## **New/Continuing Hearings**

### **Master Plan Hearing**

The 2020 Master Plan Update draft is ready for the public hearing required before the board adopts the plan.

Scott explained what we intended to accomplish with the master plan and the process we used. He recognized the people who wrote chapters and reviewed portions. Especially appreciated was Cassie Mullen of NRPC who wrote many chapters and gathered all the data. An important part of the Master Plan is the Town Survey, where we devised a set of questions for townspeople to determine what they thought and how they wanted the town to grow. We thanked Kate for her all her work on this. Survey responses showed a 20% participation rate, twice the average for this sort of thing.

Dane said he'd like to break out a Utilities chapter from where utilities are currently discussed in the Economics chapter. Particularly, he would like to update the Telecommunications section to cover wireless broadband.

Cassie noted that if we make more than just administrative changes, we have to hold another hearing. Scott pointed out we've exceeded our budget for the Master Plan for this year. Dotsie said some towns update their Master Plans one chapter at a time. We could update the Economics chapter and add the Utilities chapter next year. The board agreed to go with that approach.

At some point, the 2020 census data will be available and we can incorporate that.

The chapter authors gave a quick overview of their chapter.

Chapter 2 - Kate

Chapter 3 - Cassie presented. Board noted an editing omission, the board recommends making public wi-fi available from all public buildings, not just the public library.

Chapter 5 - Dane

Chapter 6 - CC recommends riparian buffers around wetlands. 100' would be ideal, 50' still good. The board is interested in looking into this. The board will need to be careful to not create unintended side effects. A trails committee has been established and is actively opening up trails.

Chapter 7 - Energy, Kathy Chapman presented. Energy efficiency, sustainable use. Weatherization of town buildings, lighting, town vehicles. Programs to educate home owners about things they can do. EC has a website now, the town website has a link to it.

Chapter 8 - Transportation. Previously approved.

Lastly, Scott reviews Chapter 1, which is a summary of the specific points discussed in the individual chapters. Scott thanked everybody again.

Scott - all in favor of accepting the master plan say Aye. Vote: Scott - aye, Dane - aye, Dotsie - aye, Kate - aye. The 2020 Master Plan Update is accepted!

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## **Adjourn**

Dane made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.