

MASTER PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

December 3, 2009

Present:

Planning Board: Heidi Behling, John Carpenter, Jen Corrigan, David Landry, Roger Gagnon, Ann Leger, Jo Carpenter - recording secretary

Public: Beverly Pinkham, Bob Pinkham, Hildy Danforth, Stan Judge, John Cosgriff, Jackie Morrisette, Bill Healy, Dan Levin, Joan Chamberlain, Mary Jo Landry, Brian Lamarre, John Gralenski, Sally Dinsmore, Larry Ely, Katie Stuart, Tim Buxton, Betty Werner, Kim Landry, David Carlisle

Planning Board Chairman John Carpenter opened the meeting at 7:08 PM. He explained that this meeting is the first in a series of meetings that will take place over several months.

John presented a Power Point presentation on the results from the questionnaire distributed last March and the draft vision statement that the Planning Board has developed using these results.

Hildy Danforth questioned the phrase "economic stability" in the vision statement since Shelburne does not have a lot of businesses. John Carpenter talked briefly about the number of existing business that we do have in Shelburne. He said that the Board will discuss this more at a later meeting. He said that he was surprised how many businesses there are in Shelburne when he began to tally them up. Many are home businesses or home occupations so are not as visible as a retail business would be. It was agreed that economic stability should be included.

Sally Dinsmore question what is meant by natural resources. John explained that it will encompass many of Shelburne's attributes and Forestry and agriculture will probably included in this section of the Master Plan.

Joan Chamberlain said she thought the vision statement was one of the best that she has seen presented at a public meeting. There was agreement with that statement. The consensus was to accept it as written because it says it all.

Next John presented the chapters that the state suggests the updated Master Plan contain.

There were various questions on what each section should contain.

John Cosgriff suggested that the Transportation section be called Roads - Transportation because roads are the focus in Shelburne.

Hildy Danforth said that it was her understanding that the Master Plan should be vague so that it can be applied to situations that develop that were not anticipated when the Master Plan was written. John agreed but said that the State is pushing for more detail.

John then outlined the anticipated Master Plan process and said that it may take up to a year. John then asked for volunteers to work on various sections of the plan.

John Cosgriff said that he likes the vision statement and he would be willing to help work on the plan.

Mary Jo Landry asked if the Board will seek more input on the various sections. John Carpenter said that the Board does plan to do that.

Volunteers

John Cosgriff - Transportation

Mary Jo Landry - Housing

Hildy Danforth - History

Katie Stuart & Larry Ely - Natural Resource

Tim Buxton - volunteered to "write" sections

Dan Levin expressed an interest in Natural Resources. He said he has concern about changes in Clement Brook. He said he will be in touch with Jo at later time

Copies of the current Master Plan were distributed. Jo will be happy to email sections to people who are working on them.

The meeting was closed at 8:105 PM.