

****** Draft, August 24, 2018 ******

MINUTES OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING - 08.23.18

WHEN: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 15 Flanders Memorial Road Weare, NH 03281

PRESENT: Michael Sullivan, Rick Farr, Debbie Farr, Katie Sizemore, Susan Morin, Denise Purlington, Sandy Pierre, Jan Snyder

EXCUSED: Heleen Kurk, Courtney Provencher

ABSENT: Katie Cyr, Kristina Houde

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

Minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting:

Rick Farr moved to accept; Susan Morin seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Update on the SNHPC Grant Application – Michael Sullivan reported that the Selectmen have submitted the application. No further word.

Future meeting dates – Future meeting dates were discussed.

Motion: For the present, the committee will meet in working groups on the first Thursday of the month at the Weare Public Library at 7PM. The committee will meet as a whole on the Third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Town Offices. Moved by Debbie Farr; seconded by Jan Snyder. The motion passed.

Considering areas of interest:

Conversation ensued about what areas we would explore first in working groups. Consideration was given to eight areas explored in the previous Master Plan: Population and demographic trends, Housing, Economic Development, Community Facilities, Transportation, Historical and Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, and Existing and Future Land Use. Committee members gave their priorities. Two areas of interest were deemed to be important enough to become their own categories: Health Care and Communication and Connectivity, acknowledging that these areas were addressed in part in other categories during the last Master Plan process. Discussion was also held concerning whether some areas overlapped and might be best handled as a single category, most prominently Economic Development and Land Use. Any decision about combining or overlapping was tabled until later. The highest priority was placed on three categories: Economic Development, Health Care, and Communication and Connectivity. Initial working groups will focus on these areas, with other categories being addressed at a later time. Present members chose at least one of these areas to join. Absent members were temporarily placed in one until they can choose their own categories. Working groups will include:

Economic Development – Rick Farr, Sandy Pierce, Denise Purlington, Katie Sizemore, Jan Snyder.

Health Care – Kristina Houde, Susan Morin, Denise Purlington, Katie Sizemore.

Communication and Connectivity – Kate Cyr, Debbie Farr, Courtney Provencher, Katie Sizemore, Michael Sullivan.

Michael Sullivan and Sandy Pierre will work on updating Population & Demographic data to assist the other categories.

For the September 6 working group meeting, members will look at the survey questions from the last Master Plan to determine which ones should be asked again for comparison over time, look at the action items from the last Master Plan to see what actions were taken and with what result and which remain undone, look at the worksheets in the AARP Healthy Community documents for points of evaluation, and begin compiling lists of stakeholders that might be included in discussions. The committee agreed that at 8:15 PM on group working meetings, the groups will come together to report their progress.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made by Jan Snyder, seconded by Denise Purington. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by Michael Sullivan