

TAMWORTH MASTER PLAN MEETING MINUTES  
for  
Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Chairman Tom Peters convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Also present were Judy Abugelis, Ann Albrecht, Dom Bergen, Willie Farnum, John Gotjen, Steve Gray, Dave Haskell, David Little, Dana Littlefield, John Mersfelder, Dan Rowe, and Ruth Timchak. Regrets were sent from Pat Farley, Don Harte, and Crosby Kennett.

David Little wrote and distributed *Tamworth Master Plan--2007: Table of Contents*. This is an outline to assist members writing the Master Plan. Thank you, David, for many hours of work.

Kate Vachon came to the meeting with a large container holding nearly 500 completed surveys. Thank you, Kate, and all the tabulators who have been helping you: Judy Abugelis, Jeanne Bergen, Pat Farley, Steve Gray, Crosby Kennett, Dana Littlefield, John Mersfelder, Tom Peters, and Ruth Timchak.

**Survey Tabulations and Results**

Tom Peters announced that just under 500 surveys have been turned in to the Master Plan Committee. According to Kate Vachon, all but about 40 have been tabulated. Judy Abugelis and Kate Vachon will finish up the last ones collected.

The tabulation will be completed during the week of May 7, 2007, and, then, it will take another three weeks for Tom Vachon to get together the results.

Kate Vachon asked the Committee: 1. What does the Committee want for results? 2. What does the Committee really want to know?

Tom Peters answered that we are looking for trends.

David Little remarked that in Question 1, Ratings vs. Spending would be good to know. Should taxpayers spend more money or less money for various services?

Kate Vachon asked: "What do we want to know demographically?"

The answer was: the demographics of people who want something-- in terms of age, voter status, and whether they are a summer or full-time residents.

Willie Farnum explained that every comment should be written into the Master Plan so that every survey participant can see his or her own.

Steve Gray noted that some names of people that have been targeted may need to be deleted.

**Master Plan Outline**

David Little presented an outline for the Master Plan that he wrote to make it easier for volunteers to do their job.

Pat Farley sent in an outline for the Economic Development Committee which Tom Peters accepted.

It was noted that much work done by other committees in town can be incorporated into the Master Plan.

The Town of Tamworth has an Emergency Management Plan, a copy of which is at the Cook Library. Ruth Timchak will get it for the Committee.

Parker Roberts will need to be contacted about the Recreation portion of the Master Plan.

David Little pointed out that no Master Plan of other towns that he looked at had done Numbers Twelve and Thirteen of the Outline: Neighborhood Plan and Community Design. These two sections are optional and perhaps more appropriate for large towns and cities. However, John Gotjen pointed out that the Chocorua Community Safety Project should be considered as part of Community Design. John has the information for this project.

The Lakes Region office has statistics on housing. Also, Donna Polhamus might be interested in doing some research in order to gather statistical information.

### **The Poster Project**

Melanie McBrien, an art teacher from the Brett School, is very positive about doing the Poster Project. Tom Peters will give her a call.

Ruth Timchak will call the other schools that might like to participate, including Learning Circles and the Bearcamp Valley School.

The Community School is basically a high school and did not return our call. It was pointed out, though, that high school students can also participate by writing essays as well as by doing posters. The project does not have to be exclusive to elementary students.

All work about the Master Plan submitted by school children from Tamworth will be displayed at the Ice Cream Social.

### **Ice Cream Social**

The ice Cream Social will take place at the Brass Heart Inn on June 10, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kate Vachon will do the publicity for the Ice Cream Social which will include a press release, fliers, and posters. Ruth Timchak will do the graphics. Kate will also write a letter to be sent home to the Brett School parents. The letter to parents will be sent out two weeks before the social.

The purpose of the Ice Cream Social is to do the following:

- To discuss the survey results
- To explain the purpose of the Master Plan
- To explain the Master Plan Process
- To socialize and eat ice cream
- to view students' posters and essays

The Ice Cream Social is an opportunity to engage people intellectually as well as to recruit volunteers.

The Committee will need to figure out where to get ice cream scoops and paper plates.

Dana Littlefield will contact Laura Pike to see if she is willing to put this project together. Parents should be encouraged to attend the Social in order to see their children's posters.

The Ice Cream Social can also be included in the Brett School newsletter. Dana Littlefield will speak to the principal about this. Tom Peters will talk to the art teacher about the posters, and

Kate Vachon will write the letter to the parents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**Future Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tamworth Master Plan Committee will be on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, in the Tamworth Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Albrecht  
Recording Secretary