

# TAMWORTH MASTER PLAN MEETING MINUTES

for

Friday, September 28, 2007

Chairman Tom Peters convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Ann Albrecht, Pat Farley, Steve Gray, Dave Haskell, Crosby Kennett, David Little, Lois Maxner, Steve Maxner, John Mersfelder, and Kate Vachon. Apologies were sent from Dan Rowe and Ruth Timchak.

David Little revised *A Vision for Tamworth* at home and brought handouts for everybody. Many thanks to David for his expertise and hard work.

During the meetings, Kate Vachon has been typing, on her laptop, the revisions of the Vision Statement as Committee members make their suggestions. Kate will send members copies and post the latest revision on the Tamworth Exchange separately from the minutes. Thank you, Kate, for doing this.

## **Tom's Thoughts**

Tom Peters has been thinking through the order and number of pages of the first portion of the Master Plan. The Executive Statement should come first, followed by the Vision Statement currently being worked on by the Committee. The Vision Statement should be one page. The Land Use Statement should then follow the Vision Statement.

Because the Tom feels that the 1980 is very well written, he thinks that we can draw from it some of the land use recommendations and implementations. He would like to get the writing down to a page or two so that it is easily readable.

## **David's Thoughts**

David Little feels that while the Land Use Statement section should be short and concise, he disagrees in using the substance of the 1980 Master Plan. The section needs to focus on current day land use.

David announced that the funding for the Land Use Forum will come from the Green Mountain Conservation Group. He feels that the Land Use section should come from this forum--that points should be developed in conjunction with the facilitators, Steve Whitman and Jeff Taylor. Requirements and constraints for land use need to be defined. This may include such things as steep slopes, existing buildings, and how much the town of Tamworth wants to grow.

## **Land Use Forum**

Tom Peters suggested that we receive the Land Use handouts from Steve Whitman and Jeff Taylor a week or two before we have the forum. Tom would like us all to get a thought process going ahead of the workshop.

If Steve and Jeff are available, the suggested date and time for the Land Use Forum will be Saturday, October 27, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This would be a bring-your-own-lunch workshop. If Steve and Jeff are not available on October 27, the next date suggested is Saturday, November 17, 2007.

To promote this in the community, it was recommended that all members call five or six people. Also, Ann Albrecht and Kate Vachon will work together to post flyers and any announcements on the Tamworth Exchange and elsewhere.

## **Write-ups**

Chris Conrod is said to have 90% of his Natural Resources chapter completed. Pat Farley, Sheldon Perry, Jim Bowditch, Donna Polhamus, and Ruth Timchak have been working on their chapters, as well, and may be close to completion.

## **The Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tamworth Master Plan will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Kate Vachon will check to see if the Cook Library is available for our meeting. This meeting will be conducted by David Little.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Albrecht  
Recording Secretary