

TAMWORTH MASTER PLAN MEETING MINUTES

for

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Chairman Tom Peters convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Ann Albrecht, Jim Bowditch, Michelle Cleveland, Tom Cleveland, Sue Colten, Pat Farley, Willie Farnum, John Gotjen, David Little, Donna Polhamus, and Ruth Timchak. Apologies were sent from Steve Gray.

Master Plan Status

Tom Peters thanked those who supported him at the Planning Board. The Planning Board largely accepted the Vision Statement with slight modifications. During the next work session of the Planning Board on June, 11, 2008, the Planning Board will go through the Implementation section.

Tom Peters reports that the Master Plan status is good.

The Land Use section has been edited and reviewed.

Community Facilities

Various committee members have been working on the Community Facilities chapter.

-Ann Albrecht's e-mail from Harold Cook about cemeteries will be forwarded to David Little and Donna Polhamus.

-Dan Poirier wrote something about the police.

-The fire department will use the material from the website.

-Tom Peters will gather material about the Transfer Station.

-Steve Gray is working on the highways portion.

-Pat Farley is working on the schools section.

-Donna Polhamus has completed the libraries section.

-Jo Anne Rainville has written about community health and will do something on welfare.

-Willie Farnum has completed a section on town facilities.

The question was raised about whether the School Board should be included under Town Administration. Also, because the Brett School impacts so much of Tamworth's tax structure, should it be part of Community Facilities or have a

chapter of its own. John Cleveland will do a chapter on the Brett School, and a decision about where to put the chapter will be made at a later date in order to see where it best fits.

Editors

Maud Anderson is already on board to edit the Master Plan. Lori Lenart needs to know more specifics before making a final agreement. Leanne Prentice and Juno Lamb are also available.

The editors will edit the entire document. Much of the decision making about how they will split up the work and how and where they will meet will be amongst themselves. Tom Peters would like to talk with them face to face before they begin. They should receive the document within a few days of the June 11, 2008 Planning Board work session.

The editors will correct all typing errors and punctuation and raise flags whenever they think something does not make sense. They should also identify any areas of omission: charts that are needed and background information.

Recreational Vs. Cultural Organizations

The Committee decided to keep all town organizations in both the Recreational and Cultural and Historic chapters. The only organization taken out of Recreation was The Tamworth Foundation.

Transportation Section

The Transportation chapter needs to be expanded.

-David Little will do the traffic counts.

-Jim Bowditch will work on the bridge data including bridge repair history and plans.

-Michelle Cleveland will check DOT and perhaps the State Highway Patrol for crash data. Michelle will also work on commuting patterns.

-Sue Colten will do public transportation.

-John Gotjen will report on the Chocorua Village Safety Project. The notice to proceed for the project has been given.

-Ruth Timchak will work on pedestrian and bike paths.

-Parking will be included in the Chocorua Safety Project. Otherwise, the town owns two parking lots in Tamworth Village.

- Sue Colten will report on the survey results.
- Tom Peters will work on land use implementation.

The Master Plan Committee will recommend that a pavement study be done about the condition of pavement in the town. Such a study will take approximately a year. The section about road resurfacing, history, and plans cannot be written until the town has a plan.

Village Districts

After much discussion, the committee decided not to make a distinction between villages and village districts. The village districts decided upon at the April 8, 2008 meeting will be the ones used. Having an environmentally appropriate commercial area along Route 25, within 1000 feet of the Route 25 road frontage, will be added.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Tamworth Master Plan will be at the Tamworth Town Offices on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Board Work Session will be held at the Tamworth Town Offices on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Master Plan Committee members are asked to attend if they can.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Albrecht
Recording Secretary