

TAMWORTH MASTER PLAN MEETING MINUTES
for
Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Chairman Tom Peters convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Also present were Ann Albrecht, Tom Cleveland, Sue Colten, Pat Farley, Willie Farnum, John Gotjen, Steve Gray, Dave Haskell, David Little, and Donna Polhamus. Apologies were sent from Michelle Cleveland, Becky Mason, and Ruth Timchak.

Many thanks to David Little for consolidating the Vision and Goals sections as well as the Recommendations and Implementation sections. There were many praises from the membership for such a good job. As a result, the Goals and Recommendations sections will be crossed out from the Table of Contents. The Vision and Implementation sections will remain. The Tamworth Master Plan Committee would like to have these chapters ready for the Planning Board Work Session which is being held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Correction to the April 8, 2008 Minutes

In the South Tamworth section, the second sentence should read: "To the South, it will include the A. B. Thompson Trust land and Harold Cook's land, and to the West, it will include lots 203-28."

Master Plan Chapter Rewrites

-The Vision section is completed.

-David Little will bring up the Land Use section to a finished product. Tables and graphs need to be included.

-Dave Haskell, Steve Gray, and Sue Colten will work on Transportation.

-Juno Lamb is writing the Community Facilities section.

-Pat Farley, Dan Rowe, and Michelle Cleveland are working on Economic Development.

-In the Natural Resources section, little things need to be fixed. Steve Gray will e-mail David Little.

-Willie Farnum will work on Natural Hazards.

-Ann Albrecht will work on Recreation. She recommends that the Accommodations and the Clubs and Organizations sections be retained in Recreation and removed from Cultural and Historic Resources.

-Tom Peters will work on Cultural and Historic Resources.

-Tom Cleveland will work on Regional Concerns.

-Donna Polhamus and Sue Colten will work on Housing.

-David Little will rewrite the introduction to the Community Survey.

Rewrites should be sent electronically to David Little. David asks that instead of making changes in the original that any changes be

added below the rewritten paragraphs by using the keys: control, shift, and E.

Implementation #3 Document

Master Plan members edited the new Implementation section as a group. The following are the changes to the Implementation #3 Document:

-Following the short introduction to the section, another sentence should be added: "Details can be found in individual chapters."

-Chapter 3. Implementation
No changes.

-Chapter 4. Land Use
From E. in Community Facilities, add: "The Planning Board should perform a 'Cost of Services Study' of all expenses by line item, and revenues by source, to understand the consequences before recommending ordinances or adopting regulations that would change the mix of land use categories."

-Chapter 5. Transportation
E. should read: "Work with property owners and existing and future businesses in the village districts to provide adequate off street parking areas and parking for the handicapped in the village districts."

G. should read: "Construct sidewalks in the villages where appropriate."

H. should read: "Create additional bike path/walkways for increased safety and accessibility."

I. should read: "Complete Class VI Road Study, initiated by the 2006 town meeting and establish policies for their use."

-Chapter 6. Community Facilities

B. should read: "The Capital Improvement Plan Committee should conduct an in-depth review of a different department each year, examining costs, and seeking long term efficiencies."

C. should read: "Each municipal department should review operations, looking for ways to reduce costs through innovation, efficiencies, increased productivity, automation, economies of scale, synergy, multi-town or regional collaborations, and energy savings."

D. should read: "The School Board should establish a task force to evaluate the efficiency of the school system in Town to determine how it can be made more efficient based on the enrollment trends, projected enrollment, related staffing, adequacy of the school facilities to handle anticipated growth and overall performance of the school system as determined by the successful accomplishments of the students. The evaluation should include recommendations to improve efficiency with the objective of reducing costs while maximizing educational programs."

Add from Natural Resources C. which reads as follows: "The town should acquire a municipally owned source for sand and gravel."

E. is moved to Chapter 4. as mentioned.

-Chapter 7. Economic Development
No changes.

-Chapter 8. Natural Resources
C. is moved to Community Facilities.

-Chapter 9. Natural Hazards
No changes.

-Chapter 10. Recreation
B. should read: "The Conservation Commission should coordinate efforts to expand and publicize the network of hiking, horseback riding, cross country ski, and snowmobile trails thereby enhancing outdoor activity opportunities to both town residents and visitors."

C. should be deleted.

E. should read: "These trails would provide linkages between Tamworth's largest village and the major recreational resources of the town promoting recreational use while preserving the natural beauty and maintaining wildlife corridors and habitats."

-Chapter 11. Utility and Public Service
No changes.

-Chapter 12. Cultural and Historic Resources
No changes.

-Chapter 13. Regional Concerns
No changes.

-Chapter 14. Housing
F. should read: "Encourage that new subdivisions orient streets and lots so that all structures have maximum south-facing exposure."

-Section E.
Deletes numbers 21 through 24.

Keep number 25: "Encourage adult education."

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

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Tamworth Master Plan Committee will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Tamworth Town Offices at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Albrecht
Recording Secretary