

**Master Plan Committee
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
TOWN HALL, 511 MAIN STREET
DUNSTABLE, MA 01827-1313**

Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2018

1. Call to Order

The Dunstable Master Plan Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Joe Vlcek serving as chair. The following were in attendance:

Master Plan Committee Members Present:

Walter Alterisio, Board of Selectmen
Carol Bacon, Affordable Housing Committee
Leah Basbanes, Conservation Commission
Stephanie Cronin, At-large member
Paul Dalida, Safe Pathways Committee
Anne Davis, Historical Commission
Karl Huber, Water Commissioners
Susan Psaledakis, Community Preservation Committee
Kathy Sniezek, At Large Designee
Joe Vlcek, Planning Board

Others:

Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator
Jay Donovan, NMCOG
Beverly Woods, NMCOG

Absences:

Mike Martin, Road Commissioners

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 19, 2017

The draft minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Anne Davis requested that the second bullet on page 3 be amended by inserting the words “in the town center” at the end of the sentence. Based on a motion made by Walter Alterisio and seconded by Susan Psaledakis, the minutes were approved as amended.

3. Review Recommendations for the Economic Development Chapter

Jay Donovan reviewed the Economic Development Chapter with the Committee. Susan Psaledakis asked whether the Master Plan should address renewable energy as it is a form of economic development and has environmental benefits. Jay Donovan responded that some communities choose to include an energy section within their Master Plan. Beverly Woods added that renewable energy, such as solar PV, could be included in the natural resources section, and that it might also be appropriate to include a recommendation that Dunstable pursue Green Community designation with the Department of Energy Resources. She noted that NMCOG has committed some DLTA resources to assist the Town with the designation process. Walter Alterisio stated that Dunstable receives significant revenue from the solar facility located at Georges Landfill.

Carol Bacon suggested that 2010 data be added to Table 2.1. Jay Donovan agreed that adding the data would be helpful and make the table more meaningful. It was also suggested that the proportions in the Figure 2.8 be examined for accuracy, and that the second sentence in the first paragraph under Section C (page 23) be eliminated as the economic development goals have already been finalized. The Utilities and Telecommunications section should also be revised to indicate that Verizon provides FIOS service for Dunstable residents, in addition to service provided through Charter Communications.

Anne Davis stated that the words “some areas along Route 113” be added to the first line on page 28, in order to clarify that the entire Route 113 corridor is not suitable for future development. She also stated that the words “and historic entities” should be inserted following “agricultural entities” in the first bullet on page 31. She further suggested that the chapter discuss Dunstable as an historic destination.

Stephanie Cronin stated the words “and secure” should be added following the word “identify” in the next to last bullet on page 31. She also suggested that recommendations include working with the Merrimack Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau.

3. Draft Open Space and Recreation Chapter

The Draft Open Space and Recreation Chapter was distributed for review. Beverly Woods provided an overview of the chapter’s contents and noted several revisions that were made to reflect the town’s recently updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. Changes also reflect corrections that resulted from the hard work of Alan Chaney and Leah Basbanes, who reviewed the document thoroughly, provided comments, and worked with NMCOG’s GIS staff to improve the accuracy of the land

inventory. The Committee was asked to review the draft chapter, which will be further discussed at the February meeting.

4. Adjourn

The next regular Master Plan Committee meeting was scheduled for February 27, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.