

ATKINSON PLANNING BOARD
Atkinson, New Hampshire
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 15, 2012

Present: Chairman; Sue Killam, Vice Chairman: Paul DiMaggio, Regular Members: Mike Turell, John Wolters, Tim Dziechowski, Ted Stewart, Alternates: Scott Simons, Ex-Officio: Todd Barbera

Ms. Killam called the meeting to order at: 7:30 p.m.

Discussion

Discussion on what has been happening in town and the upcoming Board of Selectmen meetings. The Board talked about the Rockingham Planning Commission and the NPO Grants and possible matching funding available to the Town.

Survey

The discussion led into the Survey. Sue asked the Board if everyone had received their survey in the mail. John and Tim had not received their survey. Sue stated that to date the surveys returned was 314 and 37 online responses. Sue stated that 3,170 were mailed out and that she has not gone by the drop off sites. Sue was hoping for a 20% return rate. The Board discussed different ways on tallying the responses. One option was to do a "tick" sheet and another was to take the mailed in responses and put them into Survey Monkey and get the information tabulated that way. It was noted that question #7 was in reverse to the responses and that the Board should be diligent what tracking the responses. There was a discussion access vs. excel and which is better

Julie explained where CTAP and the growth, build out and potential on the report that was generated by the information the Board supplied the Rockingham Planning Commission . Julie was asked what CTAP stood for and Julie explained that it stood for Community Technical Assistance Program.

Master Plan

Julie and Sue made up notebooks for the Board to keep ongoing notes for the Master Plan and survey notes all in one place. Julie had a large town map for the Board to use and refer to while discussing the chapters. The map is color coded as well with Conservation land in a green and wetlands in blue. There is a section on development potential. Julie touched on statistics of the Base build out and that it takes out prime wetlands and conservation land equals the net land left over. Julie stated that there is 2,000 acres of developable land left.

Julie suggested that she would make up a Table of Contents to help the Board find the sections easier. The Board started to review the Introduction and Planning Issues sections when it was noted that the Board would need to wait for the survey to help with the updates.

Discussion on the survey that the Board would like to have a 20% return and that the returns so far is at about 10%. Julie suggested that a reminder go out on the cable channel. Todd sent an email and had the notice moved up on the Town Calendar on the cable channel.

Future Land Use Chapter

Julie to move the first sentence from the title page to make the paragraph easier to read. Julie will add the CTAP Build out Table to this chapter with an explanation. Julie asked the Board if they thought the information was still relevant The discussion went on to Steep Slopes and the definition. Discussion on the grading such as a,b,c,d. Julie to look into this Julie to add a note about Deep Slopes due to erosion and Contaminated sites - "Brownfields" - this is to be added to the Poorly suited Land Section. This led into a discussion on whether to add about the 25 homes with contaminated drinking water the EPA and how much it will cost to help to fix the problem. Julie asked the Board if they would like Rob do a Steep Slope analysis.

The board would like to have its own page or section on Storm Water Erosion. Julie will set it up as well as steep slopes and she will add to the Low Potential for Septic Systems about solid ledge.

In the Land Poorly Suited for development section Julie will add Temporary Water Storage and that it is a concern in the commercial area. As well as adding roads and driveways affect and impact this. Julie will add a section with the MS-4 information.

Paul would like Julie to update the Flood Zone areas from 25 years to a 50 or even a 100 years. Julie discussed about adding an Impaired Water map and whether to make it site specific, retro-fitting water quality and regulating phosphate vs. nitrogen fertilizers and how they affect the water sheds and the seas. Julie brought up whether using volunteers or is it beneficial to hire professionals. Julie made a suggestion about applying for grants to help the towns get the paperwork in.

Julie will add something on Storm Water Management. Julie stated that she has a presentation that she would like to show the Board at a workshop meeting. Ted stated that the Town of Atkinson is far ahead of other towns due to the open drainage and the catch basin infrastructure. The Board discussed the different areas around town that tend to flood and if there are open drains or catch basins.

Julie wants to update section (#d) and that bedrock is harder to purify water. Julie will also add maps on the aquifers of the town.

Sue asked the Board for their opinions on televising the next meeting or to hold it as a workshop format as long as there are no applications for Public Hearings. There was a discussion on how many hits there was on the replays of the televised meetings and that it would save some money as well. It was voted to cancel the televising of the meeting.

Minutes

Sue asked to defer the minutes until the next meeting. Scott made a suggestion to email the minutes to help cut down on the time the Board needs to review them during the meetings.

Correspondence

Incoming	Emmaus House in Haverhill - Thanking the Board for donating the leftover food for the homeless shelter (Sue asked the Board about donating some time to serve at the shelter)
Outgoing	none

New Business

Julie informed the Board that Mike Turell was given a new position as Commissioner on the Granite State Advisory Board. This means that in each community there will be 2 boxes placed in different locations within the town and it will have questions for the residents to write down their answers. These boxes will rotate at 6-10 locations.

Tim told the Board that the Conservation Commission received a grant under DRED that is under the Trail Bureau for \$4000+ to build a walking bridge in the Sawyer Forest that is sometimes flooded.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor to adjourn.

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Power