

MINUTES *Approved*

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD and Master Plan Committee MEETING: July 24, 2023

Master Plan Committee:

Present: Mike Aron, Ann Kosa

There was discussion about the general nature of the questionnaire as focusing on citizens' feeling about future needs for the Town as might relate to contemporary issues such as solar installations, saving farms, promoting the arts and climate resilience, rather than repeating questions which have produced consistent responses in past questionnaires. The next meeting will start at 6:30. Those with questionnaire suggestions could also email them in for inclusion in the draft.

Regular Planning Board:

PRESENT: Mike Aron, Ann Kosa, Ray Leonard, Rob Vogel, Mark Girard, Vicki Wuest, Mark Goodwin

ALTERNATES: None available

MINUTES:

1. PB meeting June 26, 2023: Motion AK/RL to approve, passed.

HEARINGS: None

APPLICATIONS AND GUESTS:

1. Mark Goodwin driveway permit, Nye Road: MG reported site shows no recent erosion and suggested applicant check for adequate rise. Motion MG/RV to approve, passed.
2. Nick Nash driveway permit, Charlestown Road: Several members viewed site. RV requested confirmation 221-6 is a lot of record and not a lot created by mappers. Distance to boundary and site lines adequate. Motion RV/RL to approve contingent on confirmation of lot status, passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Master Plan update: See above.
2. CIP: There was general discussion in anticipation of meeting with Highway in August including the need for a Town vehicle for small work to avoid liability due to use of personal vehicles by Highway personnel, the need to begin to treat climate resilience as a capital project which dovetails with draft Master Plan questions seeking citizen input on climate resilience, the need to augment road project estimates to accommodate the adoption of road standards as recommended by the Small Roads Committee for future projects which would provide clarity for Highway task planning and future project RFPs, and the need for reconsideration of what roads require paving. There seemed to be consensus that these needs could be addressed by writing them into the CIP.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board fee schedule update: There was consensus to request Marlow and Langdon schedules for next discussion.
2. Small Roads Recommendations regarding road standards: See CIP above.
3. Next meeting August 28, 2023, **6:30PM** Master Plan Committee with regular meeting immediately after.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion AK/MA, passed; 8:25PM, Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.

COMPLETED ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

TICKLER: Schedule meeting with County Registrar Janet Gibson