

The Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2015

Present: Kathy Jacobs, Mary Turek, David Hubbard, Anna Wald, Gordon Chapman, and John Skrip, Ralph Morrison, and Anina Carr

Absent: 0

Guests: Gary Bottum and 6 members of the community

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Old Business-Minutes: Reviewed and accepted-motion by David, seconded by John, all in favor

New Business: Gary Bottum updated us on the master plan contract that was signed with Berkshire Regional Planning.

Looking for volunteers to help with the master plan. Have a few people already writing items. Will be scheduling a public meeting for community input. Will look to zone the town off, possibly having New Boston being a historical and commercial zone. Need to have zoning defined. Need to have a meeting with timelines set and an end-date-ie. March 2016.

Kathy will set up a conference call with Andy and Tom from the Berkshire Regional Planning. Would be good to do this for the next planning board meeting.

Nina asked if Gary has tried to get an idea or feeling of the community reaction to zoning.

General information- Wired West has 60% of the 40% signed on. Would need about another 100 applications.

Building Project-Kathy spoke with Emily Stockman to determine if the new building will fit in the existing footprint at the DPW site.

Gordon provided a town hall plan and 3 alternative plans for the DPW garage on the existing property.

Next, the plans will go to the selectmen for the buildings and Kathy will sit down with each department to verify their stated needs from the previous questionnaire.

Still need to determine the Commonwealth's storage requirements that were sent to Dolores in November for fireproof and storage needs.

Still need to determine locations for the buildings.

Would be helpful to see what the town already owns for land. Gary volunteered a small map.

Plans for the buildings are for the present and future needs. Would need to have a town center. 10 acres would be a decent lot size. Will look to see if anyone is looking to donate land for the buildings.

Alice Boyd volunteered some plans for determining costs.

Next meeting: May 13, 2015 at 7.

Meeting concluded at 8:15.