

Master Planning Committee
Manchester Town Hall
April 18, 2018 - APPROVED
Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Susan Beckmann, Lisa Bonneville, Jay Bothwick, Sarah Hammond-Creighton, Gary Gilbert, Laura Winn, Sue Brown, ex officio

The meeting opened at 7:08 pm.

Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018 were approved as presented.

Updates

Lisa's Community Bench Program will kick off on May 10 at 4 PM at her office on Summer Street.

Housing, Economic Development, Land Use Study Review

Discussed the format and some recommendations of The Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Study Report. In general, MPC agreed to move recommendations to the front, followed by context and planning process.

Discussed what makes up and how to preserve Town Character. A Design Review Board may be too aggressive an approach in Manchester. Design Guidelines could be an alternative. They would outline design principles that would be expected to be applied either town-wide or within defined areas. Gary G offered to outline ideas for design guidelines to facilitate a discussion about whether this might be a useful approach for preserving Town character.

Sue will submit recommended edits to MAPC in the coming week. If anyone wants to submit specific edit requests, they should do so as soon as possible.

Discussion of Transportation Workshop

The Transportation Workshop will be rescheduled for after May 3rd. Sue will coordinate with DPW, Police Dept., Bike and Ped and Downtown Improvement Committee to confirm date.

Draft Master Plan

Jay offered ideas for the introduction that included defining the committee's efforts to reconcile some of the plan's principal potentially conflicting goals: No change in character, greater diversity in housing, economic development, resource protection, infrastructure needs and fiscal responsibility. Jay will draft an introduction for consideration.

MPC members agreed with the idea that priority recommendations for most pressing projects/initiatives could be pulled to the front of the document to highlight what the Town should concentrate on first. Development within the LCD, Diversified Housing, Vibrant Downtown were discussed. All while maintaining town character. The priority recommendations will be expanded to show more specific action steps.

The Plan would include context and discussion or rationale of recommendations in a section after the priority recommendations.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be tentatively held on May 15 at 7 PM.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Brown