

Minutes of the Planning Board held on June 27, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall

Present: Paul Dillon, Chairman; Paul Hurley; Karen DeTellis; and Scott Curry

Staff: James Clarke, Director of Planning

Others in Attendance: Members of the Master Plan Steering Committee, Walter Flynn, Chairman; Mary McElroy; John Killeen; Kathy Swain; Pat Fosters and John Zeigler

Mayor David Madden and Councilor Colin McPherson

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

MASTER PLAN

Mayor David Madden stated that he was pleased with the final version of the document and endorses the plan.

Mr. Clarke stated that Paul Halkiotis (staff) had worked with the Master Plan Steering Committee and did an excellent job.

Mr. Clarke gave a slide presentation of the plan and spoke about the following:

1. Purpose of the Plan
2. Demographics
3. Transportation
4. Natural Resources
5. Vision - Goals and Objectives
6. Evaluation and Recommendation
7. The Four Villages - Weymouth Landing, Jackson Square, Bicknell Square and Columbian Square
8. Commercial Corridor
9. Waterfront (Waterfront Comm. working to update the plan)
10. Public Facilities (Park management plans with neighborhood participation. There are areas targeted for acquisition)
11. Naval Air Station (Access from Rte. 3 is required for economic development)
12. Transportation Issues (Land uses, connection to and creation of public transit, bike and pedestrian paths, etc.)
13. Land Use & Zoning
14. Three components to the Matrix - key agency that is to handle the tasks, time frame and the cost involved.

15. Continuous updating of the Master Plan.

Mr. Clarke stated that in July, the Master Plan will be submitted before the Town Council for their approval.

Mrs. DeTellis said that the document is very ambitious.

Mr. Curry would like to thank the Master Plan Steering Committee for all their work.

Mr. Killian (Master Plan Steer. Comm.) asked if it would be possible to receive a status report from the Planning Board?

Mr. Clarke stated the Board would commit to an annual status report.

Mr. Dillon said even though the Master Plan Steering Committee has been dissolved, he would still like their input.

Discussion ensued relative to Weymouth's parks.

Mr. Clarke stated there has been some reorganization of the parks and he would speak with Mr. Wilson with regard to the capital budget issues.

Discussion continued relative to the above and the parking issues in the villages.

Mrs. DeTellis stated that parking is a major concern.

Discussion ensued relative to the above and how this would affect the businesses.

Mrs. DeTellis asked if there were more restrictions with regard to zoning in the villages?

Mr. Clarke stated there were no changes in the zoning.

Mr. Dillon asked how do we pick a project once the plan is implemented?

Mr. Clarke stated that as the Board is meeting every two weeks, one half of the meeting could be used to discuss the planning and scheduling. It would be a part of the agenda.

Mrs. DeTellis asked about availability of funds.

Mr. Clarke stated that some funds have been committed from the administration to move forward. There are also other funding services.

Councilor McPherson and Mrs. McElroy discussed the issue of in-law apartments and multiple dwellings within the Master Plan.

Mr. Clarke said they would encourage mixed usage i.e. business on the first floor and housing on the second floor.

Motion by Mr. Curry, seconded by Mr. Hurley to approve the Master Plan.

All in favor. So voted unanimously.

FORM A - HEATHER LANE (OFF MILL RIVER)

Mr. Clarke stated that they were looking for a small addition to reduce the size of the water/sewer easement.

Motion by Mr. Curry, seconded by Mr. Hurley to approve the Form A.

All in favor. So voted unanimously.

Mr. Hurley had a couple of concerns with regard to the Summer Street sub-division.

Motion to adjourn. So voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Cignarella
Recording Secretary

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Paul Hurley
Paul Hurley, Vice-Chair