

**TOWN OF EATON
PLANNING BOARD
July 9, 2015**

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the Master Plan on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Present were Chairman Paul Savchick, Dennis Sullivan, Thaire Bryant, Selectman Dick Fortin and Alternate Peter Klose. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Paul Savchick designated Peter Klose to act as a regular member for this meeting.

At 7:07 pm Paul Savchick opened the Public Hearing on the draft Master Plan and gave an overview of the Master Plan format. The Board then presented a video tutorial of how to navigate through the digital version of the Master Plan.

Ken McKenzie stated that State statute requires the Planning Board to share information and to solicit public input and expressed his disappointment with the document. Paul Savchick stated that public input was indeed solicited through a questionnaire and several Public Hearings that were held as each of the Master Plan chapters neared completion. Paul Savchick noted that additional input was solicited from the Conservation Commission and that the Board of Selectmen participated through their on-going representation on the Planning Board and active participation in a final review of the Draft plan.

Ken McKenzie stated that the Master Plan should provide direction and guidance to the various Boards and that the goals are too ambiguous. Dennis Sullivan explained that the Master Plan outlines the issues raised by the various Boards and people in Town and that there are issues noted which are not within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. Ken McKenzie stated that the Plan should give more direction and that more effort should be put into the process. Paul Savchick noted that there are several instances where the Plan indicates that ordinances need to be developed.

John Hartman noted that input is needed but recognized that volunteers are difficult to find. John Hartman questioned whether there was any input from the Selectmen. Thaire Bryant explained that the Selectmen reviewed every Chapter and gave their input and guidance. Dick Fortin noted that at every Planning Board meeting, a report is given on the issues being dealt with by the Selectmen. Paul Savchick noted that he also gives a report at every meeting on the Conservation Commission.

John Hartman explained that the Quality of Life has decreased because of the increased volume and speed of traffic through the Village and that the issue is not addressed within the Master Plan and suggested adding a goal to work with the NH Department of Transportation to address these issues. Paul Savchick stated that the Town has tried to work with the State on several traffic issues in the past and that the State is unwilling to consent to any changes. Dick Fortin explained that in order to have Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies spend more time patrolling, the Town would have to pay for an officer. John Hartman noted that options should be brainstormed to come up with possible solutions to pursue.

Bob Bridgham stated that the digital version of the Master Plan is easy to use and provides the reader with a lot of resources. Bob Bridgham noted that the Plan refers to the Town being part of a region and that participation on a regional level is necessary but stated that the issue should be addressed in more detail. Paul Savchick noted that it is difficult to find volunteers for Town Boards and questioned how to encourage participation in regional meetings.

John Hartman noted that the goals should be ranked in order of importance. Peter Klose stated that the implementation checklist in Chapter 8 shows the goals which are based on the questionnaire that was put out several years ago. Ken McKenzie noted that several goals are to “review” an issue. Peter Klose explained that some of the goals have no options for solution but the Town wants to continue monitoring the issue. Ken McKenzie noted that “review” should be replaced with “improve” or “do” and that it does not matter if the goal can be accomplished. Thaire Bryant stated that those goals are an acknowledgement of an issue where there is no solution available at the present time. John Hartman stated that this is a good start and suggested the Board put out a new questionnaire for continued updating of the Plan. Paul Savchick noted that this is the final draft of the Master Plan and that reasonable changes will be made and the rest will be put in the file for the next update.

John Hartman stated that one issue is cell service in the Town. Thaire Bryant explained that the Town is seeking funding to put a cell booster at Town Hall and that the Little White Church is seeking a booster for their security system communications. John Hartman stated that the ordinance addressing cell towers should state that towers are permitted only on Town lands so that the Town collects the revenues.

There being no further questions or discussion, Paul Savchick closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 pm.

Dennis Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Thaire Bryant, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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