

# Planning Board Master Plan Committee update.

5 Jun 2014

## Members:

George Brodeur, Ken Mills, Evan Karpf, Tara Bamford.

Planning Board Chair Donna Foster.

## Public:

Joan Karpf, Scott Sonia

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm.

Chairman Brodeur opened the discussion with Ms. Tara Bamford centered on where the committee was at on getting information from the town's departments and agencies to incorporate into the master plan.

The need for a macro sense of the department's priorities was re-emphasized. The water department was represented by Mr. Scott Sonia at the meeting highlighting that his main priority right now is to remedy the 'river crossing' water line that brings the water to the north, east, and western parts of the town. Mr. Sonia elaborated on the repercussions of not remedying this particular issue as well as discussing other water department priorities. Mr. Sonia and Mr. Brodeur committed to meeting to formalize the department's needs and priorities for incorporation into the master plan.

Additional discussion highlighted various tactics in the water department infrastructure including a full leak analysis of the town; the need for full water line mapping; fire department issues; as well as the impact of cold temperatures on the water tanks.

Of particular note was how so much of the town's water lines dated back to the 1930's under FDR (Franklin D. Roosevelt) and the work by the WPA Works Progress Administration to install much of the older water lines in the town.

The need for mapping of the town for a number of issues in addition to the water system for zoning and planning issues, aquifer protection, flood plain protection etc. was also raised.

The group discussed the strategy of land use impact versus arbitrary line delineations for use in zoning in the community, with a focus on encouraging development in both business and residential use of the land.

Performance based zoning was raised as a possibility in revising the town's planned land use regulations. This approach brings (among other things) traffic, lighting, storm water handling, and noise into the decision process of a community's zoning and ordinances.

The need to address what to do with the land—currently referred to as the industrial area—near the transfer station was also revisited citing senior and work place housing as possibilities based on the town survey returns.

Chairman Brodeur stated the deadline for the department's is 31 July 2014 for the feedback the committee needs to draft a regional plan for the town.

The committee adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Mills—scribe.