

Town of Dover
Long Range Planning Committee
FINAL
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010

Meeting Participants:

Voting Members: Sharon Grant, Wally Weld, Rich Forte, Geoffrey Merrill, Jerry Arnold, and Carol Lisbon (Board of Selectmen)
Liaison Member: Peter Smith (Warrant Committee)
Visitor: Matthew Schmid

The meeting was convened at 7:30 A.M. at the Meeting Room in the Dover Town Garage. A quorum of the Committee was present. The minutes from the meeting which was held on Thursday, December 3rd were reviewed and approved by the attendees with minor changes. The approved minutes will be forwarded to the Dover Town Clerk for inclusion into the Town Records.

The primary focus of the Committee's discussion this morning was the continuation of previous discussions about the creation of a Town-wide survey to be used as part of the updating process for the Town's Master Plan. Carol provided information about another town's efforts to create a Town wide survey. That document can be found on the Internet at www.ci.mashpee.ma.us. So the Committee now has the efforts of two different Massachusetts towns (Carlisle and Mashpee) on which we can gauge our survey efforts.

In that our committee will be working in conjunction with the Town's Planning Board, which already uses an outside consultant, Mr. Gino Carlucci, it makes sense to work closely with him based upon his professional experience, not only with Dover, but also with other towns in the state.

The following discussion focused on the issue of how the survey might be distributed along multiple channels, such as mail, internet and as a result of meeting with other Town groups, such as the Council on Aging and the Dover Mother's Association.

The last point of the survey discussion was to solicit interest from the Committee's members as to which areas of the survey they would be interested in drafting the questions for. Rich Forte indicated that his greatest interest would be in the area of housing, while Jerry Arnold and Sharon Grant wanted to continue their past interest in Open Space.

Geoff Merrill indicated that he would contact the Board of Selectmen to make sure that the Survey issues were covered at the next All Chair's meeting as well as to sit down with the Planning Board to get a clearer idea as to their schedule for Gino's time on the survey.

The Committee had a visitor at today's meeting who raised the issue of the Town's recycling efforts, which he indicated appeared to be down 23 percent from a year ago. He inquired as to whether the Long Range Planning Committee had ever been involved with the Town's recycling efforts. The Committee's members could not remember such an effort. Mr. Schmid said that the current level of Town recycling could possibly jeopardize our current contracts for managing our household wastes, because we are not separating enough recycled materials from our overall wastes. Although it wasn't clear as to how the Long Range Planning Committee could provide assistance, we indicated that we would certainly be willing to enter into discussion with members of the Recycling Committee, if they feel our participation would help their efforts to increase recycling within the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 35 A.M. The next scheduled meeting for the Committee is Wednesday, February 3 rd. at 7:30 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Town Garage.