

Dover Long Range Planning Committee

November 5, 2013

Attendees: Jack Donoghue, Rich Forté, Robyn Hunter, Mark Sarro, Sue Sheridan,
Peter Smith, Wally Weld

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mr. Weld moved that the minutes of the May 7 meeting be approved, seconded by Mrs. Sheridan. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

Mr. Forté moved that the minutes of the October 1 meeting be approved, seconded by Mrs. Sheridan. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

2. Elections and Appointments

Mr. Weld nominated Mr. Donoghue to serve as Chair for the coming year, seconded by Mr. Smith. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Sheridan nominated Mr. Smith to serve as Secretary for the coming year, seconded by Mr. Weld. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sarro volunteered and was appointed by acclamation to continue as representative to the Capital Budget Committee.

3. Master Plan Follow-Up

At its October 8 meeting the Board of Selectmen formally charged this Committee with following up on the Implementation recommendations in the 2012 Master Plan. The draft letter from this Committee to the responsible authorities in the Plan was edited. Mr. Donoghue will inquire at Town House about producing hardcopies and getting the e-mail addresses of the various Chairs.

The plan of action is:

1. Letter will be placed in mailboxes at Town House and e-mailed to Chairs
2. Liaisons from this Committee will make contact with the various Chairs to discuss our role
3. Liaisons will periodically attend meetings of the various boards and committees to understand their priorities, plans, and progress.

Mr. Sarro noted that Recommendation #9 under Natural & Cultural Resources in the Master Plan is unassigned; he volunteered to pursue this matter.

4. Update on Rail Trail

Mr. Forté noted that the Town of Needham is moving ahead on rail conversion. Ms. Hunter added that the Dover Rail Trail Committee came before the Board of Selectmen to explain the creation of a Friends group to facilitate raising funds for feasibility studies and other preparatory work.

5. Annual Town Meeting Article 12

Mr. Weld asked if anyone could clarify the Massachusetts Attorney General's office ruling. Mr. Forté and Ms. Hunter said that the Warrant Committee and Board of Selectmen minutes contain a detailed discussion.

*Mrs. Sheridan moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Donoghue;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 8:05 pm*

The next meeting will be December 3 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Approved January 7, 2014