Comprehensive Plan Meeting

October 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present:
Rosemary Roy (Town Manager)
Ryan Keith (Code)
Stephanie Carver (CPCOG)
Katryn Gabriel
Steve Berry
Grace Lovell
Chris Cabot

- I. Call to order @ 6:30
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting (need them from Stephanie)
 - A. Wait for next meeting as we do not have Stephanie's minutes at this time.
- III. Review survey results to date
 - Final results of survey will be in after the election (11/15)
 - A. Currently 253 surveys
 - B. A lot of agreement around pointing ourselves toward a village community
- IV. Work on vision statement
 - . Question: how much work can we do on this statement prior to complete survey results and at least one open house meeting regarding the work
 - A. Discussion of the purpose of a vision statement
 - B. Ways of approaching this challenge
 - General Agreement about working on this as a full body of folks present
 - C. Discussion Regarding Length of Vision Statement
 - 1. Brevity!
 - 2. There are some elements we must include
 - D. A draft was presented
 - 1. General agreement that it was on the right track
 - 2. Copies made to be mulled over
 - 3. Draft statement expected to change over time
 - 4. Draft included below in appendix
 - 5. Draft does not include discussion of transportation
 - a. Discussed including 'awareness' or other of transportation opportunities
 - V. Other business
 - A. Trudy has resigned(3rd person to leave at this point)
 - B. We are actively in search of new members/volunteers
 - And then Chris Cabot walked in the door: he will look to get appointed by the board
 - C. Stephanie discussed
 - 1. population trends
 - 2. Mapping abilities

- 3. General resources we might need for writing chapters of the plan
- D. Updated timeline reviewed
- E. Shared pet stories
- VI. Adjourn at 7:38

Appendix:

State Requirements

State Guidelines: A vision statement should 'summarize community's desired future community character in terms of economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation programs, land use patterns and its role in the region

Draft of Vision Statement

The town of North Yarmouth recognizes and seeks to maintain its unique character as a still largely rural/country town but in close proximity to major urban centers. The town seeks to guide residential and attract appropriate commercial growth while maintaining the appeal of its country character and preserving natural, historical and cultural resources. The town desires to encourage the development of a village center, to protect natural resources and preserve the quality of the town's public water supply, and to encourage recreational use of the town's extraordinary network of public parks, forest and trails