

**PLANNING BOARD
JUNE 16, 2011
MINUTES**

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present: Burke, Barringer, Capes, Giger, Parent, Perkins, and Wilson

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Board met with Angela Insinger of Community Opportunities Group (COG) to discuss the Comprehensive Master Plan. The discussion focused on comments on the draft Master Plan from the Board, Advisory Group members, and residents. COG prepared a spreadsheet showing all the comments, COG's response and FST's response (where applicable).

Member Capes asked if COG had reviewed the comments from the Transportation Advisory Group. Ms. Insinger said they would prepare a response to the Group's comments.

Member Giger asked if COG had sufficient information from the Lost Lake Sewer Committee. Ms. Insinger said Carol Quinn had provided all the information required.

Member Wilson suggested including the "three-legged stool" to address sustainability. Chairman Burke said the plan includes the three components of sustainability. Member Parent said page 5 of the draft addresses sustainability. Member Giger said a graphic could be added to page 5. After some discussion, the Board decided that a graphic is not necessary.

Member Giger noted that certain terms, such as "traffic flow," should have definitions. Member Parent agreed that definitions are needed so such terms are clear to the reader.

Groton Electric Light Department (GELD) Commissioner and Transportation Advisory Group Member Chris Christie had a number of comments on energy management and transportation issues (see spreadsheet). The Board decided that the comments from the Transportation Advisory Group should be reviewed before any changes are made since there may be considerable overlap.

Selectman Anna Eliot stressed the need for economic development to provide more revenue to the Town.

The Board spent time discussing pedestrian access to the Post Office either via a sidewalk along Route 119 or via a trail from Old Ayer through conservation and private properties as suggested by Katherine Bell. Construction of the trail would be difficult because there are significant wetlands crossings and private property issues.

JOINT MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Board and Conservation Commission will hold a joint meeting as part of the pre-application process for 134 Main Street. Tuesday, June 21, 2011, or Wednesday, June 29, 2011, are possible dates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
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