

PLANNING BOARD
August 29, 2023, at 7:30 PM
In Person at Town Hall, 41 South Main Street & Via Zoom

In attendance:

Members: Brian Edwards, Beth Esinhart, Catherine Reike, Kristine McDevitt, Nancy Carter, and Jennie Chamberlin via Zoom.

Staff: Robert Houseman, Vicki Smith, and Alex Taft via Zoom

Others: See attendance sheet

Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and recognized the members present.

1. Update on the Sustainability Master Plan and review of Chapters 5, 6, 7, and 8

Edwards turned it over to Esinhart and Vicki Smith to introduce these chapters. Esinhart spoke about the forthcoming events to engage the public. Ms. Smith explained the various methods employed to distribute and access the master plan by the public.

The board discussed the following:

- Access to the river is an important asset for the town to consider.
- Opportunities for collaboration between the Town and College for public access to the river.
- Identification of water quality impact on homeowners with wells.
- Equitable health burden assessments and metrics.
- Net-zero and carbon reduction efforts.
- Complete streets policy integration.
- Work from home and internet service coverage.
- Maintaining the diversity of businesses in the downtown core.
- Ways to fund and improve pedestrian and cycle traffic downtown.

Ms. Smith and Esinhart concluded with the upcoming dates and chapters.

2. Minutes July 11, 2023

Approval of the meeting minutes from July 11, 2023. A motion for approval was made by Rieke and seconded by Carter; all members voted in favor.

3. Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM was made and passed unanimously.
Submitted by Alex Taft