

## **PLANNING BOARD – MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Present:* Chair Patricia Losik, Bill Epperson, Steve Carter, Anne Richter-Arnold and Kim Reed**

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Losik called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Review other chapters**

Chair Losik reviewed the memo from Planning Administrator Reed giving an outline of the work of the previous committee.

***\*Please see attached Planning Board Master Plan Committee Memo***

Chair Losik noted that it is important to look at this in the context of an update, not a rewrite. There may be areas that are questioned. Unless it is obvious it is not relevant and not current, she is hesitant to make massive changes because it is not a rewrite.

Member Epperson agreed. He commented that what is blatantly inaccurate should be changed. Information that is out of date should be changed. Anything that is misleading should be clarified. However, the document should not be made so specific that someone reading it could hold the town to the absolute letter of it. A lot of people want this to be so specific and rigid without flexibility. That is not the purpose of the master plan.

Chair Losik stated that the master plan is reflective in its entirety and there are crossovers. All of the areas have to be looked at in order to get a flavor.

#### **a. Transportation**

The committee reviewed Chapter 6, Transportation.

Highlights of discussion/review:

#### **Section 6.1**

#### **Page 6-1:**

- Introduction – strike the words “for now” (1<sup>st</sup> sentence)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – change to “Our children will have an increased opportunity to walk or ride their bikes safely to school”.

- Complete Streets – change to “Planning Board to implement complete street policies”. (*Planning Administrator Reed to work on wording.*)

## **Section 6.2**

### **Page 6-1:**

- All visions listed to be bulleted.

## **Section 6.3**

### **Page 6-2:**

- Add the total to the table (State and Town Road Maintenance Responsibilities)
- Under table change last sentence to – “The culvert at the end of Wallis Road near Route 1A was replaced in 2015”.

### **Page 6-3:**

- Take out “miles” on Figure 6-3 table.
- Under ‘Scenic Road’ last paragraph strike the sentence “Currently, Rye has designated all its roads as scenic”.

## **Section 6.4**

### **Page 6-4:**

- Spelling errors noted (Portsmouth, Pollock, east, New Hampshire)
- NH-1A? (hyphen) – (*Planning Administrator Reed to defer to DPW Director.*)

### **Page 6-5:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence will read: “Rye’s roadway network operates well within its functional capacity per the road management plan, which was conducted by Street Scan, Inc. in 2015”.
- Put brackets around three sentences starting with “Foyes Corner” and ending after “without stopping”.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – strike “in where people work”. Add to end of sentence “and robust development occurred along the Rt 1 corridor”.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet – strike “increases” and replace with “changes” in gas prices.
- Last paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence add “to and from” the beaches.

### **Page 6-6:**

- *Planning Administrator Reed to ask DPW Director about 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.*
- 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph will read: “With few public transportation alternatives available, the vast majority of Rye residents travel alone to work and other destinations.”
- More review of the second bullet needed. (*Planning Administrator Reed to report back.*)

## **Section 6.5**

### **Page 6-7:**

- Under ‘Accident Data’ strike the second sentence.
- The table should be from 2004 to 2015. (Delete last row of table.)

## **Section 6.6**

### **Page 6-8:**

- Under ‘Transportation Options’ strike the last sentence of the first paragraph.

**Page 6-10:**

- Change the URL for Ride Share. (*Planning Administrator Reed to update the URL's.*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph change the word “transformation” to “transportation”.

**Section 6.7**

**Page 6-10:**

- It was agreed to remove the first part of Section 6.7, Climate Change and Adaptation. (Note: Leave 6.7 Climate Change and Adaptation.)
- Start with ‘Tides to Storms Vulnerability Assessment Report’. (Page 6-11).
- Add to above “as described in Chapter 3”.

Review completed.

**b. Land Use**

Chair Losik to work on updating for next meeting. Committee will review the chapter and mark changes to discuss at next meeting.

**c. Natural Resources**

Highlights of discussion/review:

**Section 7.1**

**Page 7-1:**

- Add totals to Figure 7-1.

**Page 7-2:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet strike “horse”, leave “farms” and add “equestrian facilities”.

**Section 7.2**

**Page 7-3:**

- Move ‘Climate Change’ to page 7-4. Stop the table after ‘Paths and Sidewalks’.

**Page 7-4:**

- Table to be labeled ‘Climate Change Public Comments’.
- Delete “Hazards and Climate Adaptation Chapter (draft 2016)”.

**Section 7.3**

**Page 7-6:**

- Saunders Point to be added. (*Planning Administrator Reed to work on language.*)

**Page 7-7:**

- Switch the first two paragraphs under ‘Tidal Wetlands and Salt Marsh Restoration Projects’. First paragraph to start with “New Hampshire has about 6,200 acres of salt marsh. Due to its coastal location, Rye’s 1,100 acres of salt marshes are an important and prominent ecosystem in the Town of Rye”.
- New paragraph to be created called ‘Specific Benefits’. (*Chair Losik to work on the wording.*)

- Check to be sure there is not a contradiction between the total upland acreage and wetlands.

The review of Chapter 7 will continue at the next meeting. (Stopped on page 7-7).

### **III. Next Steps**

- **Committee to review salt marshes, freshwater and upland. (Chapter 7)**
- **Committee to review the rest of Chapter 7 for next meeting.**
- **Next meetings:**
  - Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.**
  - Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

### **IV. Open to Public**

- **No public present.**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Bill Epperson to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Seconded by Steve Carter. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger