

CITY OF DOVER

LAND USE STEERING COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall, Dover NH
Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2014
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Reese (Chair), Gina Cruikshank, Marcia Gasses, Fergus Cullen, Norm Fracassa, Bob Paolini

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Whitman

The meeting was convened by Reese at 8:05 AM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2014

Cullen pointed out a change from “date” to “data” on first page and Reese pointed out the incomplete sentence in the Barufaldi statement. Cruikshank made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Paolini seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

2. Review of Chapter Text With Steve Whitman

Whitman: I had hoped to have Seymour’s response to your questions from the last meeting for today, but that did not happen. This is a working draft that will change as we go. We need to start thinking about how this information will guide future land use recommendations. I am proposing that we revise the sub-title of the chapter from “It’s About Context” to “It’s About Resilience”. I think it reflects the fact that Dover is concerned about many related issues. I am looking for your reactions.

Reese: I liked the term. I think it is appropriate.

The Vision section was discussed.

Bird: Is it best to list the vision elements here or refer to the Vision Chapter or add it to the appendix?

Whitman: Let’s spend some time looking at each vision statement.

Diversity of ages, incomes and origins was discussed.

Paolini: Not sure the regulations allow enough choices for elderly, more services than over 55+, but less than a nursing home.

Whitman: Let’s look at the regulations for allowances for elderly. Has cottage style housing been discussed in Dover?

Cullen: Why mention ethnic origins here?

Whitman: This wording is taken from the Vision Chapter.

Affordable housing was discussed.

Medical facilities were discussed.

Downtown was discussed. The Cecil Study is ongoing.

Bird will check with Parker to get an update on that project and maybe attend a meeting or prepare a handout summarizing the study.

Whitman: The waterfront project will need to be addressed in this chapter before the end of our work.

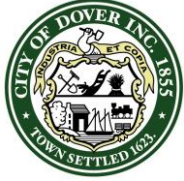
Natural resources were discussed.

Whitman: We will use the Natural Constraints map to make future land use decisions.

Future water supply issues were discussed.

A discussion was had on form based code and expansion opportunities.

Architectural standards were discussed.



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Paolini: It is tough to mandate certain architectural styles. It makes sense in downtown, but after that it is personal preference.

Historic district pros and cons were discussed.

Fracassa: We need to encourage preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods, while not mandating. It is a balance.

Whitman: Regarding the vision statement related to conducting an audit of regulations related to mixed uses, we need to know if that is expected in this chapter.

Cullen: Did the Silver Street project look at underground utilities?

Bird: I will have to find out if they looked at that.

Industrial parks were discussed.

Paolini: You should talk with Dan Barufaldi about the efforts to locate new industrial parks.

Reese: On page 8, it would be more useful if the land uses were sorted by acres rather in alphabetical order. How is conservation land included?

Bird: On page 11, the zoning district descriptions are out dated.

Cullen: On page 12, it would be helpful to include in the paragraph about housing types in the county, some Dover data for context purposes.

3. Review of Revised Maps Prepared by Dan Sundquist and Discussion of Map Issues

Whitman: We reviewed the map using SRPC data. It shows developed and undeveloped areas, but we will have to review the data more closely to see if it has land use codes that would be helpful.

4. Committee Member Comments and Questions

None.

5. Confirm Next Meeting Date

Reese: The next meeting date would be August 12th at 8:00 am.

6. Citizen Forum:

None

7. Adjourn

Cruikshank motioned to adjourn at 9:33 AM. Gasses seconded. Vote: Unanimous