



CITY OF DOVER

LAND USE STEERING COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall, Dover NH
Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

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

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner); Dan Barufaldi (Economic Development); Chris Parker (Planning Director)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014

Cullen made a motion to approve the minutes, Mettee seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

2. Review of Revised Chapter Draft and Recommendations

Bird: Let's review the recommendations section and the new format.

Mettee: For LU 1.4, I would like to add context to the text.

Parker: I would change the responsibility to the Planning Board.

Mettee: A building design needs to fit into the neighborhood in which it is placed.

Gasses: Regulations can include context sensitivity standards.

Mettee: What does regenerative mean in LU 2.2?

Parker: I would change it to low impact instead.

Mettee: In LU 2.4 I would take out "minimum" and add "a walkable community".

There was a discussion on the different types of connectivity.

Paolini: I think we should leave it as it is written.

Cullen: The climate change section in the text needs to be watered down. I would take out the second paragraph. I am okay with the recommendation.

Gasses: There is no harm in leaving it in there. We have had more flooding events on a more frequent basis. The consensus was to leave it as written.

Cullen: Please note my objections to that decision.

Mettee: I would take out the reference to the Cecil report in LU 3.1.

Fracassa: I would add long to the timeframe for that recommendation.

Mettee: In ED 1.4 there is an extra "the".

Reese: Do we actually work with the DHA on tracking housing inventory?

Parker: We already do, but it is good to encourage it.

Mettee: In H 1.3, are we really going to develop educational materials on regional affordable housing?

Parker: Maybe just remove the word "affordable". I would change the responsible party in H 1.4 and H 1.5 to Planning Board.

Mettee: In H 1.5 are we promoting smaller homes?

Parker: I would add DBIDA to H 1.4.

Mettee: I don't like "Resiliency" as the chapter title. It is not really mentioned much in the chapter. Should we add it to this recommendation section?

Fracassa: I have no issue with resiliency.

Barufaldi: I would remove resiliency from the title.

Fracassa: We could define it somehow. Perseverance is bouncing back from a difficult situation.



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Bird: Does anyone have any suggestions to replace it?

Mettee: The word should reflect looking forward.

Reese: Is it “Looking Forward”?

Parker: How about “It’s About Tomorrow”.

The consensus was to use that phrase instead.

3. Review of Future Land Use Map

Reese: Let’s spend a few minutes to review the map.

Gasses: I have a small change to the map in the Garrison School neighborhood I would like to have made.

Mettee: I like the map a lot. We should make sure the text is included in the recommendations.

Bird: The text from the map is included in the chapter.

Reese: Let’s talk about Mettee’s one page handout.

Mettee: I was trying to link the vision to the land use chapter.

Gasses: It looks good to me.

Reese: We will substitute it in its entirety.

4. Discussion on Presentation to Planning Board

Reese: What do we need to do to get ready for the Planning Board meeting?

Parker: It will be a workshop on February 3rd. Whitman will be there to help present the chapter. Reese can introduce the chapter and Bird can discuss the recommendations.

5. Committee Member Comments and Questions

Reese: I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your hard work over the course of this project. We could not have done it without each of you contributing.

6. Citizen Forum: None

7. Adjourn

Paolini motioned to adjourn at 9:25 AM. Gasses seconded. Vote: Unanimous