

Master Plan Update Committee 2023

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025, 6:00 PM

Third Floor Training Room

355 East Central Street

This meeting was available to be attended in person by members of the public. The meeting was also live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channel 29. Recordings have been made available on Franklin TV's "Franklin Town Hall TV" YouTube channel. Additionally, citizens were able to participate remotely via phone and Zoom.

Committee Members in Attendance: *Chair Glenn Jones; Vice Chair Cobi Frongillo; Clerk Melanie Hamblen; Joe Halligan; Rick Power; Gino Carlucci; Erin Gallagher; Eric Steltzer; Ginelle Lang; Meghann Hagen; Bruce Hunchard;*

Committee Members Absent: *Jennifer Williams;*

Others in Attendance: *Amy Love, Town Planner;*

Chair Glenn Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Review Proposed Changes

The Committee reviewed the discussion and recommendations made at the January 15 meeting. Town Planner Love said that the approved changes had been incorporated into the draft and made available on the Master Plan website. Vice Chair Frongillo reviewed the individual items discussed with the Planning Board Chair and Vice Chair and confirmed if they each had been incorporated into the draft. The Committee Members discussed the potential effects of the implemented changes, focusing on changes in zoning density and how such developments would still be subject to the site plan approval process. Town Planner Love emphasized that future legislative actions or changes in the housing market are not predictable and could lead to changes that were left out of the Master Plan still coming to fruition if the State Legislature should enact policies concerning zoning and development throughout Massachusetts. Chair Jones asked to clarify whose responsibility it would be to submit the Master Plan to the State, to which Town Planner Love clarified that the Master Plan stays local and does not go to the State, however it is acknowledged by the community and utilized for various purposes including grant applications.

Vote to Adopt Final Draft

Member Hunchard motioned to approve the Final Master Plan Draft as presented. Seconded by Clerk Hamblen. Member Hunchard voted Yes. Member Hagen voted Yes. Member Carlucci voted Yes. Member Power voted Yes. Member Lang voted Yes. Member Steltzer voted Yes. Member Halligan voted Yes. Member Gallagher voted Yes. Clerk Hamblen voted Yes. Vice Chair Frongillo voted Yes. Chair Jones voted Yes. Motion to Adopt the Final Draft of the Master Plan passed 11-0-0.

Chair Jones thanked everybody for their work and help in reaching this point in the process.

Discuss Plan to Present to Planning Board

Chair Jones reviewed a slideshow that would be presented to the Planning Board to the Members of the Committee. He clarified who on the Committee and the Consultants would be presenting what information, and the Committee Members discussed what they planned on saying and points they wanted to make clear to their audience.

Adjourn Meeting

Member Hunchard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chair Jones. There was a unanimous vote in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Tyler Paslaski
Permitting Specialist