

**Master Plan 2023  
Open Space and Recreation, and Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources  
Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes**

**November 28, 2023, 7:06 PM**

**Room 205**

**355 East Central Street**

**This meeting was available to be attended in person by all citizens. The meeting was also live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 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.**

**1. Introductions -**

**Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Meghann Hagen, Member Melanie Hamblen, Member Glenn Jones, Member Rick Power**

**Committee Members Absent: None**

**Others in Attendance via Zoom: None**

**Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:06 PM**

**2. Review of 2013 Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources Goals & Objectives**

The Chair went over remaining goals and the corresponding objectives.

Goal NCH5: Implement growth management, sustainable development and low impact development techniques to preserve, protect and enhance the Town's natural, cultural and historic resources. Member Melanie Hamblen noted that the subcommittee should be thinking about less impact near the town wells and wetland areas. The chair stated she would speak to Derek Adams to see if anything needs to be added to this objective. Member Jones spoke about solar energy and the issue of clearcutting trees for solar farms. The members commented on the creation of an historic district to preserve older homes.

Members discussed the creation of a "Best Development Guide Handbook".

The Chair will contact Breeka Li Goodlander to discuss a guide book. The Members also discussed the need for a Conservation Department and a Conservation Commissioner. The Chair will reorder the objectives to include creation of a Conservation Department as Objective NCH5.1

Member Jones discussed upcoming meeting dates and suggested that subcommittee's should hold public input meetings during January, February and March 2024.

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**Master Plan Subcommittee next meeting - December 12, 2023**

**Additional Comments: None**

**Adjourn Meeting -**

***Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Power.***

***Vote 4-0, meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM***