

Minutes from the Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, 06-18-2007 at 6:30 PM, Hilton Senior Center

Attendees: *Bob Straubel, Walter and Lucille Sidley, Bev Gulazian, Jackie Haggerty, Pat Beevers, Bobbi Klima, Nancy Meehan, Ron Campbell, A. Wayne David, Ruth True, Sally Laffely, Goldi Kimball, Berenice McLaughlin, Michael Soucy, Sheila Albertelli, Virginia McCullough, Brenda Chouinard, Larry Cuddire, Joyce Hartt, Susan St. Pierre (consultant), Sue Brown (consultant), Ryan O'Connor (works with consultant), Lisa Pearson, Leah Hill*

The meeting was opened at 6:30 by the Master Plan Chair, Bob Straubel and consultant, Sue Brown.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Historic Resources-

Bev Gulazian, a member of the Historic Commission, gave some background-spoke about Carolyn Sargent's book, Salisbury History, (book out of print, may be available online, Historic Commission is thinking of raising funds to get re-printed); the historical inventory that was done in 2006. Lisa Pearson-only 2 properties are on historic register, the newly created inventory will allow more sites to apply to be on the register. Possible ideas for historic preservation-historic districts, demolition delays. Demolition delays stop demolition for 90 days and allow towns to purchase historic buildings, also show developers that the town is interested in historic buildings, possibly works with the town to rehab the building as opposed to tearing down. Historic buildings are considered 50+years old. Need criteria concerning historic register (local, state, federal) and historic districts. Potential historic districts:

- a. Village Center
- b. Salisbury Beach
- c. Ring's Island

Historic districts at Ring's Island could also couple with new zoning, as most of the properties on Ring's Island don't comply with current zoning. Members of the historic commission mentioned that they would want more direction. The Historic Commission could add to their mission statement, expanding duties of the commission. Lots of knowledge out there, people should assemble lists of historic sites, buildings, areas, etc., and get this information to the Historic Commission. The Historic Commission may have "coffees" for further discussion with residents.

Bob Straubel posed the question-What are the cultural/historical assets in town? Some of the assets include: the Town Common, Pike School, Historical Society, 1-room school house at beach, Ben Butler's Toothpick.

Natural Resources-

Views are also natural resources, like the view from Sweet Apple Tree Lane. Questioned whether there is a scenic roads ordinance, with road widening, this would protect trees, rock walls, etc, that are in the right-of-ways; Salisbury does not have a scenic roads bylaw.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Jerry Klima discussed the town green, not utilized to its maximum. Need to review/redesign green. Library is expanding; this would be an opportunity to look at town green.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) is an additional tax as decided by town residents, and the money goes to specific areas-housing, recreation and historic preservation. The State matches the funds levied by towns. Larry Cuddire-we should prioritize each section and how CPA funds would help, also the difference between just using regular tax money for these projects versus the CPA tax. Jerry Klima stated that with CPA, \$1 of town tax money can become \$10, because for the \$1 of tax money, the state matches=\$2. On some grants, the state requires the applicant to put a 20% match, which is the original \$2, and then the state would fund the \$8.

Open Space- We should map all land of a certain size, and then know which would work best for open space, whether it abuts the rail trail, etc and can be integrated with existing open space. The Town is given land during subdivisions, want what is the most useful for open space. Questioned what group should be managing land given to the town via Conservation Restrictions, etc. Discussed formulating a Land Trust, which is a private, non-profit, which exists to receive and manage land. For example, Newbury is trying to link properties along the Parker River. Another inventory would be an inventory of all town-owned land.

Recreation- A member of the Parks & Rec. Committee, Michael Soucy, discussed the recreational needs of the town. The Beach Baseball Fields are being upgraded with a utility field, parking. The town does not have any soccer fields. Discussed the potential for a regional approach for fields. Currently, Triton soccer goes to Rowley, also a need for a field for Pop-Warner Football. There is also a need for “daily entertainment” within the town, such as cook-out areas.

NEXT STEPS/ADJOURNMENT

The next committee meeting is Monday, July 16 at 6:30pm in the Hilton Senior Center. The topics to be discussed are Evaluation of process, plan format, and visioning workshop ideas. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.