

HANOVER SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 03/24/2022; 4:00PM

Notes Taken By: Vicki Smith

Place: Virtual, Zoom

Re: Hanover Sustainability Master Plan –
Advisory Committee Meeting #5

Attendance

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Esinhart - Chair

Jarett Berke

Brian Edwards

Paul Simon

Eric Hryniewicz

Jackson Yant

Yolanda Y. Baumgartner (via Zoom)

Chris Kennedy (via Zoom)

Town Staff

Vicki Smith, Senior Planner

Members of the Public (all via Zoom)

Nancy Carter Kristine McDevitt 603 667 1468

Matt Stover Dan Chamberlain

Chair Esinhart called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

There was discussion about how the April 2 event will be organized and how the questions to be reviewed fit into that process. The themes in question 5 correspond to the sustainability principles that we want to be sure are covered in our plan.

The questions were reviewed with extensive modifications suggested by and agreed to by the Committee members.

Matt Stover asked:

I'm wondering if part of the goal of the effort should be to help define what "sustainability" is for a town.

I think that a goal of this effort would be to enlarge the aperture a bit beyond the traditional "conservation" and "preserve green space" viewpoints. e.g., density is a major factor in sustainability, as it dramatically reduces emissions & energy use while at the same time increasing vitality and survivability of town businesses.,

(And maybe some education / best practices on that as part of the plan would be helpful that the consultant can bring to the table. Would be great to set the table prior to leading into the town plan / zoning processes,)

This led to a discussion about more outreach about what sustainability means in general. The Master Plan poster includes as a sidebar the following definition:

Meeting the needs of the town and region in the present without compromising abilities of future generations to meet their own needs in consideration of changing climate conditions. Supporting a cohesive community that can take action to balance the environment and economics, with a strong focus on justice and equity.

Paul Simon volunteered to provide a Venn diagram with environment/economic vitality/social justice and community process featured. This might be included in the virtual meeting room and discussed at the public forum.

There was concern about less technologically inclined people being able to access and answer the forum questions. Paper copies will be available and could be provided to our over 55 housing developments. The dedicated computer at the Library with assistance from Library staff should also help address this concern. Vicki will check with a Planning Board member who volunteered to explore the virtual meeting room from the perspective of his less than adequate internet service.

Our consultants will be asked:

When do you think that the virtual meeting room will be open?

Is it possible to provide a single web page link to get to the virtual meeting room?

Have you confirmed the training date for facilitators and note takers?

It was suggested that as a take-away from the forum, attendees should be encouraged to suggest to a friend or neighbor to fill out the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.