

HANOVER

SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 08/23/2022; 5:00PM
Approved: October 11, 2022
Place: RW Black Center, Zoom

Notes Taken By: Vicki Simth

Re: Hanover Sustainability Master Plan –
Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Esinhart - Chair

Jarett Berke

Brian Edwards

Eric Hryniewicz (via Zoom)

Joanna Whitcomb

Paul Simon

Chris Kennedy

Town Staff

Robert Houseman, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Codes

Vicki Smith, Senior Planner

Members of the Public

Nancy Carter

Consultants (VHB, via Zoom)

Donny Goris-Kolb, Project Manager

Discuss Revised Draft Vision Statement

Changes were suggested to the draft Vision Statement. Donny will update the draft and post it to the Master Plan Website.

Overview of Framework for Master Plan Document

VHB presented an overview of the framework for the master plan document. Suggestions for modifications included:

Chapter 3- addressing work force housing, public service/infrastructure availability, short term rentals, maintenance of owned and rented properties, and density considerations.

Chapter 4- including Dartmouth Health as a major employer; considering stormwater management , renewable energy and Local First programs as vital to fostering economic development.

Chapter 5-recognizing the distinct characters of the College campus, Etna and Hanover Center and the mix of architectural types in the residential neighborhoods and commercial areas; adding the Hanover Conservancy and Appalachian Trail; and reaching out to churches and Welcoming All Nationalities for more information about welcoming of refugees.

Chapter 6- referencing the Bike Walk Plan (Rob will send to Donny); adding AMTRAK, Greyhound and regional bus providers; fast-charging network; package delivery; parking as a land use issue.

Chapter 7- mentioning events and programming; enabling entrepreneurship; making Hanover cool again; increasing height and density; answering "Where is our niche?".

Chapter 8- adding the benefits of open space such as the AT corridor and supporting landscapes and wetlands and bogs for carbon sequestration.

Chapter 9- reaching out to the community counselor for information about substance abuse and mental health; adding trails discussion; and addressing the need for childcare.

Chapter 10- including homeowners, business owners, schools and other institutions in this discussion, not just Dartmouth College; and omitting surplus land and facilities.

Chapter 11- include a timeline with implementation discussion

Minutes of July 17, 2022

The Minutes of July 17, 2022 were reviewed. Jarett made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Next Meeting and Other Business

The next meeting will be convened when there is information to be discussed. There was no other business.

Adjourn

At 7:03 PM, Joanna offered a motion to adjourn. Brian seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion to adjourn.