

HANOVER

SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 1/17/2023; 5:00PM
Approved: February 14, 2023
Place: Town Offices, Zoom

Notes Taken By: Vicki Simth

Re: Hanover Sustainability Master Plan –
Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Esinhart – Chair
Joanna Whitcomb
Brian Edwards
Chris Kennedy
Yolanda Baumgartner

Members of the Public

Nancy Carter
Doug McIlroy
Barbara McIlroy
John Donovan

Town Staff

Robert Houseman, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Codes
Vicki Smith, Senior Planner
Alex Taft, Senior Planner

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm.

Discuss Draft Goals and Strategies Chapters 5, 3 4 and 9

Chapter 5 goals and strategies were discussed. Modifications were made to the vision statement. Doug wanted to be sure that the tension between growth and environmental health was discussed. It will be in terms of tax base and land use pattern.

John Donovan read from an email from Rich Howarth. Highlighted were the importance of forest management and the wave of new homes Hanover's exurban area. He cited that removing 1 acre of trees is equivalent to the carbon loading of a car operating for 80 years. Rich supports compact home size in high density areas.

There were questions about when the *Open Space Priorities Plan* will be drafted for review. A consultant is working on this and has not promised a delivery date. A map of Hanover's open spaces with the "greenbelt" proposed in the 1959 Master Plan will be included in this plan. A mention about the town and school being on the same team and funded from the same pockets will be added to this chapter.

In this chapter, the four national register listings will be highlighted.

There is no active R-PACE program in New Hampshire so reference to it in the Housing Chapter will be eliminated.

Revised goals and strategies for chapters on fostering economic resilience and improving health, well-being and social justice were approved to be posted as drafts on the website.

Public Comment

The public present participated in the discussion with the Committee so had no further comment.

Minutes, Next Meeting and Other Business

The minutes of January 10, 2023 were reviewed. On a motion by Brian to approve the minutes, there was a second offered by Chris. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on February 14 at 5 PM. Goals and strategies for Chapters 6 and 8, and revised goals and strategies for Chapters 5 and 3 will be reviewed.

There was no other business.

Adjourn

At 7:05 PM, Joanna offered a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion to adjourn.