

# HANOVER SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

## Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 8/22/2023; 5:00PM  
Approved: September 12, 2023  
Place: Town Offices, Zoom

Notes Taken By: Vicki Smith

Re: Hanover Sustainability Master Plan –  
Advisory Committee Meeting

### **Attendance**

#### Master Plan Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Esinhart – Chair  
Joanna Whitcomb  
Brian Edwards  
Chris Kennedy  
Yolanda Baumgartner  
Paul Simon  
Jarett Berke

#### Members of the Public

Nancy Carter  
Jennie Chamberlin (via Zoom)

#### Town Staff

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

---

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

### **Discuss Future Land Use Plan**

The Committee used generalized land use categories, not the zoning districts, to describe future land uses recommended for the Town. Mixed use should be encouraged in village areas of Etna and Hanover Center as well as in our areas zoned B, BM and OL. Primarily residential areas in the greater downtown should have limited service and retail allowed. The recommendations of the Missing Middle Study for the greater downtown in terms of residential development were incorporated as were village areas for Etna and Hanover Center, keeping a Goose Pond and F area and the low density rural area.

Some takeaways to include in the future land use discussion: recommend extending water to existing sewer only served areas; form-based zoning will help accommodate mixed uses; extend the compact areas to the municipal boundary; and the Town should take over Greensboro Road and Hanover Center Road in Etna so that pedestrian friendly accommodations can be constructed.

### **Discuss Master Plan Outreach/Feedback Elements**

The Planning Board approved Master Plan Vision, Goals and Strategies and Chapters will be posted on website. We still need the Housing Chapter and Appendix, Introduction, Vision and Future Land Use, Implementation and Dashboard to be drafted and reviewed by the Advisory Committee and Planning Board.

A mid-October Open House will be held. Materials available to the public will include posters, video, tri-fold handout and post cards. The Open House will be staffed by Planning and Zoning staff and members of the Advisory Committee/Planning Board and held at the Mayer Room of the Howe Library.

At the end of October Block Party on Allen Street, posters, video, tri-fold hand outs, and post cards will be available and we will be asking for input on the proposed plan using a simple questionnaire available on line and on paper.

The ten minute video will be on the website and shown at events and possibly at Dartmouth College. Beth, Brian, Eric, Chris, Jarett, Christine McDevitt and Elena Simon were suggested as possible speakers for the video.

Other outreach mechanisms include: Neighborhood listserves, Town newsfeed, Town Listserve, Day Break, Letter to *Valley News*, Hanover Happenings, and PSA at Nugget.

### **Public Comment**

Comments from the public were welcomed during the discussion. There were no additional public comments.

### **Minutes, Next Meeting and Other Business**

The minutes of August 1, 2023 were reviewed. On a motion by Chris to approve the minutes, there was a second offered by Brian. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on September 12. The Committee will review the housing chapter and future land use plan. There was no other business.

### **Adjourn**

At 6:39 PM, Chris offered a motion to adjourn. Jarett seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion to adjourn.