

HANOVER

SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 9/26/2023; 5:00PM
Approved: October 10, 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
Yolanda Baumgartner
Jarett Berke

Members of the Public

Nancy Carter

Town Staff

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

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm.

Discuss Future Land Use Plan

The Committee discussed the draft future land use plan. Comments included:

- 1) Add a future riverfront trail using a dashed green line from Lebanon municipal boundary along the south side of Mink Brook to Route 10 then along the north side of Mink Brook to the CT River and north to Kendal Riverfront Park, then across Route 10 to the Rinker Tract and following Storrs Pond and Oak Hill Trails continue on the Class VI road (Town Road 34, Grasse Road Extension) to Route 10 and the Organic Farm.
- 2) Color both lower reservoirs blue and replace the “yellow” around the reservoirs with ‘open space’ green.
- 3) Expand the ‘open space’ green south of the reservoirs to Grasse Road eliminating both the orange and the yellow.
- 4) Between Lebanon Street/Greensboro Road a) continue the residential 1 to the ‘open space’ green south of the Appalachian Trail eliminating the yellow residential 3 and b) continue the residential 2 to the ‘open space’ green south of the Appalachian Trail eliminating the yellow residential 3.
- 5) Change the label ‘Mixed Use’ to ‘Mixed Uses’.
- 6) Add the broken green line for the ‘Future River Trail’ to the legend.
- 7) Use a darker green for the Forest and Recreation to make it easier to distinguish from the open space lands.

The Committee also discussed whether to include “active recreation” as a separate use. It was decided that it would be included in the mixed use generalized land use category and called out in the discussion of mixed uses

Discuss Draft Chapter 1 Introduction

The draft chapter was discussed with a few modifications made. Goals for chapters 6, 7 and 10 will be modified to match the syntax of the other goals. These modifications will be incorporated and the revised chapter passed along to the Planning Board for review.

Discuss Master Plan Outreach/Feedback Elements

The draft script was discussed with individuals encouraged to modify the text to make it their own. Staff will be in touch with speakers when the equipment is ready for filming, sometime the week of October 2nd.

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 September 12, 2023 were reviewed. On a motion by Brian to approve the minutes, there was a second offered by Joanna. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on October 10 to prepare for the public outreach events in October and November. There was no other business.

Adjourn

At 6:30 PM, Beth offered a motion to adjourn. Brian seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion to adjourn.