

Meeting of Masterplan Implementation Subcommittees
February 20th, 2024 6:30pm
Town Hall, Strafford, NH

Attendees:

Planning Board: Phil Auger (chair), Tim Reed (Vice Chair), Terry Hyland, Charlie Moreno, Susan Arnold (alternate)

Subcommittees:

Bow Lake: Sue Higgins (chair), Bob Bennett, Howard Hensen

Community Character/Arts Council: Susan Ryan

Charlie Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. All attendees introduced themselves. Charlie asked Sue Higgins, Chair of the Bow Lake Committee, to share her subcommittee's meeting notes and activities. Sue also provided printed copies of her subcommittee's meeting notes. The Subcommittee has met twice since December, and has further refined the focus and some of the actions needed to implement the vision and charter of the subcommittee. Discussion ensued about priorities for immediate versus longer-term action.

Charlie then called on Susan Ryan to report on her subcommittee's activities. Susan also provided written meeting notes to the group. The Subcommittee has met twice and regular meetings will occur on the third Thursday of the month at 3pm at the Hill Library. The subcommittee has modified their mission statement, and all agreed it was consistent with the intent of the original statement. The Subcommittee is doing outreach to other groups in town, as well as to other towns, to collect ideas and create an annual calendar of events. The Subcommittee's goal is to support 1-3 events in this its first year.

Tim Reed and Terry Hyland reported on work of the Recreation Center working group of the Community Character Subcommittee. Several very well-attended meetings have been held, and there's lots of energy around this concept. The group then discussed potential locations for the proposed community center, including land that abuts the Town Hall. Susan Ryan inquired if there was an intent to launch a capital campaign to raise funds for the building, and offered several suggestions, including offering naming rights for different rooms to appeal to different donors. Sue Higgins reminded the attendees that the Bow Lake Community Club was looking into adding an elevator to the Grange, and that facilities such as the Grange and Waldron Store should stay in the mix even as a new community center is contemplated.

The next meeting of the Masterplan Implementation Subcommittees is scheduled for May 21st at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.