

**Minutes
Webster Planning Board
Master Plan Meeting
June 19, 2018**

The Master Plan meeting started at 6:30 p.m. Attendees included Planning Board Chair Susan Rauth and members Paul King and Craig Fournier. Volunteers and staff members in attendance included Chief Steve Adams, Sally Becker, Dee Blake, Linda Clark, Michele Derby, Sally Embley, Sandy Estep, Nancy Picthall-French, Bruce Johnson, Therese Larson, Leslie Palmer, Pete Swislosky, MJ Turcotte, Chris Schadler and Nanci Schofield.

Susan Rauth briefly reviewed the first meeting, which included a presentation and discussion about the benefits of a Master Plan; regional trends in population, housing, transportation; and the results of the 2017 community survey. To summarize, Webster's population is projected to continue at a slower rate of growth. NH's birthrate is declining and the population is growing older; day-to-day living is more of a concern. Many retirees are remaining in rural areas which impacts their housing, public transportation and recreation needs. The average household size in Webster continues to decrease and the number of elementary school aged children trends downward. There is a demand for smaller houses for downsizing families, seniors and young adults.

The progress on the Master Plan update was reviewed. Leslie Palmer presented information about Town Hall Facilities and Services. It was suggested that human services and welfare programs be included in the plan, including programs for seniors. Nancy Picthall-French reviewed the Ten Year Plan developed by the Library Trustees, including objectives for the library to continue to be a community hub; provide enhanced programming; publicize library resources; strengthen collections; and anticipate changes in technology and media. It was suggested a permanent sign for posting information about Town activities be obtained for the roadside in front of the library.

Sally Becker submitted a draft report on behalf of the Fire Department, which will be reviewed by the Department head and personnel before finalization. The primary issue facing the Department is the need for more volunteers. The objective is to continue to work with Hopkinton and Penacook Rescue to provide transport for our patients.

Sandy Estep and MJ Turcotte reported on their progress on the Pillsbury Lake section of the plan. The information will include the history of the Village District and the current status of Pillsbury Lake Management (PLM) and the Water District activities. Pillsbury Lake has 198 single family homes and was taxed on a total assessed value of \$34,847,232 in 2017. The draft included recommendations for the Town of Webster to work more closely with PLM on enforcement of restrictions and easements, Town ordinances and State laws. They recommend a stronger liaison between PLM and the Webster Conservation Commission to share information about violation of the Shoreline Protection Act administered by DES. They hope to

present these recommendations and others to the PLM and the Water District representatives at their upcoming meetings, to see if there is a consensus on these issues among the residents.

Webster Police Chief Steve Adams is working on the Police section of the Master Plan. He reported the need for more part time officers for adequate coverage. He discussed other needs in the areas of technology, vehicles, radios and other equipment. These will be addressed in the next Capital Improvement Program. Chief Adams will be organizing Webster data and collecting information from the surrounding Towns to update the tables in the report for submission in July.

Bruce Johnson and Dee Blake presented a revision to Master Plan section on schools. The school building sits on a 3.04-acre lot and meets the state guidelines of five (5) acres only when including the acreage of the abutting soccer and baseball fields. The school is currently being prepared to be a Town emergency shelter. It is recommended that if abutting Town property becomes available, that the property should be offered to the School District first.

For the next meeting, additional participants will be reporting on their Master Plan updates. The volunteers agreed to meet again in July.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Susan Rauth