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MASTER PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE

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The Northwood Master Plan Subcommittee met on Monday, October 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Mr. Jandebaur.

Present: Planning Board Chairman Tim Jandebaur, Selectman Representative to the Planning Board Hal Kreider, Land Use Specialist Linda Smith, Consultant Liz Durfee; and Consultant Tom Morgan (via telephone).

Ms. Durfee provides an overview and recap of the public workshop. She states that they were satisfied with the turnout and those who did attend were actively engaged in the process of group participation. She adds that there were multiple responses in specific areas which is helpful in understanding and identifying the key issues and concerns. Mr. Kreider states he likes the format and Word Cloud which is useful to bring out the main topics from the statements provided. He adds that he would like to clearly show the survey and public input results to show that "we listened and this is what is in the plan".

Discussion is held on the draft Vision Statement. Mr. Kreider states that each of the paragraphs is well written. He states his concern that the introductory statement be clear to the reader. Mr. Jandebaur states that the increase in land costs have may have influenced the results, including the belief that it is expensive to purchase land/property in Northwood, in the Word Cloud. He adds that it is important to communicate the results as being a discussion and not necessarily an agreement on all topics. He also notes that it should be noted that recreation is for all ages.

Discussion is held on the next steps going forward. Mr. Kreider would like to see a list of chapters that will be considered for the future in a table. He would like Ms. Durfee and Mr. Morgan to make recommendations. Mr. Jandebaur states that he feels Housing Chapter as the next important chapter to do. Mr. Kreider agrees and states he would like to do a warrant article for 2 chapters in 2023. Discussion is held with Ms. Durfee regarding costs and process for future chapters. Chapters for future consideration include: Housing & Population, Natural Resources, Transportation, Recreation and Demographics.

Vision Introductory Statement is discussed. Mr. Kreider and Mr. Jandebaur agree that the first paragraph should be clear so that it is understood that what follows is the vision for the future and not a statement of current status.

Discussion is held on the list of guiding principles in the 2004 Master Plan and whether to include. Mr. Jandebaur recommends that items 1, 3 & 6 could be reviewed to combine into one statement. Mr. Kreider is in agreement. Mr. Kreider and Mr. Jandebaur are in agreement to keep the statement by Charles Little, which was included in the 1979 and 2004 Master Plans. Ms. Durfee will take the comments from this meeting and revise the draft.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 24 at 10 am at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, Land Use Specialist