

Minutes of the CLRPC Meeting of August 26, 2016

Pursuant to a notice filed with the Town Clerk, the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee (CLRPC) met at 8:00 a.m. on August 26, 2016 in the First Floor Meeting Room, 141 Keyes Road, Concord, MA.

Members Present:

Gary Kleiman, Co-Chair

Barron Lambert

Nick Pappas

Wally Johnston

Peter Hunter

James Bryant

Peggy Briggs

Judith Zaunbrecher

Jane Hotchkiss, Select Board Liaison

Elizabeth Hughes, Town Planner

Sean O'Brien, Budget Analyst

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kleiman at 8:00 a.m.

Review & Discuss APA Best Principles: Healthy Community

The Committee went through the 7 APA Best Practices for Healthy Community. The Committee discussed the overlap with open space, schools, recreation, transportation and the environment with the redevelopment of brown field sites and how public health needs to be introduced into each. The Committee discussed whether a member of the Board of Health should be a Committee member. It was determined that through the Authentic Participation, the Committee would make sure to actively engage the Board of Health in the discussion.

One aspect of a Healthy Community is active transportation and the Committee discussed the fragmented approach the Town has had over the years and the need to look at having a more multi-modal approach. The Committee determined that a healthy community needs to address adequate transportation to health services, and Emerson Hospital and Harvard Vanguard should be brought into the discussion.

The Committee discussed another aspect of a Healthy Community and Reliant Economy was helping farmers get their goods to market and available to a more diverse population.

Review & Discuss APA Best Principles: Responsible Regionalism

The Committee went through the 9 APA Best Practices for Responsible Regionalism. The Committee agreed that the Town is connected to Boston, adjacent communities, Massport, MBTA, HATS, Route 2 Advisory Committee, MAPC and the National Park and there needs to be consideration into how each of these entities fit into the future of Concord.

The Committee discussed the existing regional collaboration the Town has with other communities through Police, Fire, CMLP and schools. The Committee agreed the Town does great with immediate incidents response, but that planning for broader regional disasters and

long-range projects, such as long-term severe drought, major Route 2 reconstruction, should be one focus of the Plan. It was determined that Committee members should read the Comprehensive Plans for the adjacent communities to get a better understanding on what they believe are the challenges they will face.

Mr. Kleiman summarized that the way the Committee will move forward with developing the strategies for Responsible Regionalism will be through Authentic Participation, the communication and outreach process developed with the consultant and actively seeking input from all of the stakeholders.

RFP Consultant Update

The Town Planner gave an update on the issuance of the RFP on Monday and already there have been 11 firms requesting a copy. The Committee discussed the process timeline and responsibilities of the Review Committee. Mr. Lambert volunteered to serve on the Review Committee, noting his previous experience with the Town RFP process. Mr. Johnston nominated Ms. Woodward and the Committee members present agreed. Mr. Hunter nominated Mr. Boynton and the Committee members present agreed. Mr. Kleiman stated he would contact Mr. Boynton and Ms. Woodward to see if they were interested in serving on the Committee. If so, the Committee will ratify this at the September 9th meeting.

Meeting Minutes July 22, 2016

Ms. Zaunbrecher moved to approve the minutes of July 22nd with a minor amendment and correction to the members in attendance. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Ms. Briggs moved to approve the minutes of August 12th with minor amendments. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Boynton, Clerk