

Winthrop Comprehensive Plan Meeting
April 26, 2010

SCHEDULING

After May 10 meeting review, group would get another draft to review from Chris and discuss on May 24 meeting and the results forwarded to State Planning Office.

At which time, there might not be significant workload until State returns with comments and suggestions.

Public hearings would follow and Town Council would consider at a Special Town Council Meeting on June 28, 2010.

REVIEW

Review of Andy and Jack's efforts followed the scheduling discussions.

- Attempt to create the least restrictive environment for permissible uses in the residential districts such as smaller lot sizes, amount of earth moving, and types of land uses, ie one type of residential zone. Merging limited and general residential zones is the likely scenario
- "Limited residential is general and general residential is limited" per John Carpenter.
- Concerns regarding multi family units was presented by various members.
- Discussions regarding the intent to make Route 202 a commercial corridor after the watersheds are adequately protected.
- Limited retail uses on Route 202 which result in very high traffic counts was promoted by Jack and Andy.
- Possibly limiting the square footage relating to use versus the traffic counts to define the types of permissible uses. Combination of commercial zones (limited and general) was promoted by Jack and Andy. Retail uses spread traffic counts over wider periods of time during the day.
- Additional work to be completed by Phil L. and Chris regarding real impact of such actions before next meeting.
- High impact commercial use definitions needs to be addressed due to confusion in our ordinances – older ordinance appears to best address this problem.

CHAPTER 7 PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Chris reinforced the need to stress the priorities of our recommendations in this area and discussion ensued. Listed concerns were not in order of importance. Chris would like the 3-4 most important projects differentiated from the balance of the listed projects.

Additional discussion regarding a marketing plan was briefly discussed as was a Maine Street program.

Reorganizing the listing was bantered about by the group with no clear order of importance.

Possibly remove some of the recommendations mentioned in the draft in light of continuing discussions.

Two most important:

1. Master plan for sewage and how to pay for it – H and I
2. ? Green thing?
3. D and G? Marketing....

CHAPTER 8 PUBLIC RECREATION

Additional review of the strategies on Page 61 availability of outdoor recreation opportunities was discussed by the group with an attempt to prioritize the points mentioned such as safety of Pisgah fire tower and bike/walking trails.

E, F, and bike trail to Manchester were considered priorities.

Repair of town beach permanent float was also considered significant.

CHAPTER 9 TRANSPORTATION

Page 69 enumerated the policies and strategies

Support and promotion of taxi service was discussed and de emphasized.

Also, bike storage to be added to I relating to bicycle-related activities

Support for railroad services must be emphasized in our plan with desire to promote this effort.

Priorities

- A. Road plan
- C. Gateways and defining village area

Roads in rural area developments would not be accepted by town, opposed to roads in developments in defined growth areas

Pedestrian traffic concerns ie sidewalks, etc. was mentioned as a possible priority possibly an addition to E.

Royal Street access to Route 202 is on private land and needs to be addressed at some point in time.

Next meeting on May 10 to discuss Chapters 10-13 and health plan discussion and a meeting on May 24 to discuss Chapter 6 relating to Land Uses

Meetings on June 14 and June 28 were established.

May 17 meeting with Manchester was proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04

