

Wentworth Planning Board
Meeting Minutes 2 November 2020

In attendance Marina Reilly-Collette Chair, George Morrill Vice Chair, John Meade Secretary, Omer Ahern Jr. Ex Officio, Palmer Koelb, Sonia Scheller.

6:31 Marina Reilly-Collette Chair Called meeting to order with quorum.

6:33 5 October meeting minutes as well as attachments were distributed by e mail prior to this evening. Madame Chair asked for any comment or changes. None were had. Sonia Scheller made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, Palmer Koelb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6:35 John Meade reviewed documents with the board on the Patten/ Clough Lot Line Adjustment that had been distributed to the board via e mail. This included request for information from The Allen's counsel as well as Mr. Adam Patten's request to retract his application for Lot Line Adjustment on the Clough Property. It also included retraction for Request for Information from Allen's counsel on being informed of the further Patten retraction request. It was noted this was a retraction and any further request would need to start anew with a new application.

John Meade makes a motion to accept Adam Patten's request for retraction, Seconded by Palmer Koelb Motion passes unanimously.

6:42 Via Remote Go To Meeting Ms. June Garneau with Mapping and Planning Solutions of Whitefield ,New Hampshire reviewed her proposal in depth to provide services to update the Master Plan for Wentworth. Some key points were covered such as the town of Jefferson was in the midst of their Master Plan and were similar in size as Wentworth. Whitefield, Bethlehem and Shelburne were completed and we could go online and view their Master Plans prepared by MAPS. Vision and Land use were discussed as minimum requirements. There are multiple chapters in a Master Plan. A preparation of survey questions would be the first step. Omer Ahern Jr. cautioned that he wanted to ensure any survey was not tainted or slanted to sway away from personal property rights for use of land in Wentworth.

June Garneau assured Omer that there is a plethora of questions she could provide and it was up to the board what would be asked. Madame chair voiced her opinion that we needed to strike a balance to find out what vision and what growth was needed and wanted for Wentworth. June Garneau stated the survey was a 10 year vision and could be molded by the board. Methods to distribute the survey as well as methods of enticement for completed survey were discussed. Online completion of surveys were the best for everyone involved but it is noted that 24% of our town is seniors and 11% were below poverty level so online participation could be limited. Assistance on the history section and potential heritage district were discussed. The need for complete taxpayer mailing labels were needed.

The MAPS proposed cost of a Master Plan was discussed as \$15,000. There were three parts with a \$5,000 initial payment to prepare the survey questions and to mail them out. Second \$5,000 was for tabulation of the survey writing of the Master Plan, Final \$5,000 was completion of the Master Plan where it would have two copies turned over with two discs of the plan. The start to finish could be as long as 24 months from initial release.

The Proposal is being sent to John Meade for distribution with these draft minutes.

Ms. Garneau signed off from the remote session.

Further discussion among the board was we at our last Town Meeting in March \$5,000 funding awarded so we could in fact have a Master Plan commence. We presently have (2) proposals and both

could be discussed in depth at our next meeting. We could award a down payment of the \$5,000 we have in this fiscal year. This would allow two more town meetings and two more fiscals to spread out the funding of the Master Plan over three years at \$5,000 a year.

Sonia Scheller asked what other costs the Planning board had. I explained only monies for Town Counsel with the WPB Regulation Changes and the Adam Patten Minor Subdivision legal advice.

Beyond that we were more or less funded through our application fees.

Website explanation was discussed and Madame Chair will have that complete for our December Meeting. Campers were brought up by Omer Ahern Jr. He felt the RSA did in fact give us some relief but would discuss further at our next meeting.

7:58 Omer Ahern Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Palmer Koelb Motion passed unanimously.