

City of Claremont Master Plan
Transportation Subcommittee
Meeting - October 24, 2008 - 9 a.m.

Draft Minutes

Present: Alan Grigsby, Dennis Osgood, Jr., Lisa Paquette, Tom Ford, and Steve Picano

Dennis moved and Steve seconded that the minutes of the October 10 meeting be approved and they were by acclamation.

Alan described what happened at the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Visitors' Center at 7:30 a.m. He reported that the group decided to have meetings roughly every other month which would start with subcommittee meetings followed by a general meeting where progress could be discussed. The next will be Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Teal Room or Goodrich Community Room at Sugar River Vocational School.

Alan said the committee discussed two ways to determine Claremont's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) for each subcommittee - a survey and/or a citizen forum.

Lisa said she favored a SWOT survey over a forum because people who attend a forum might hold back or not express as much as they would like. Some who attend forums, she said, are driven by emotion in outlining their views.

Steve said that some people are intimidated by a large group.

Tom and Dennis said that too few attend forums. Dennis added that the "elite" attend and Tom added that often the same people attend.

The subcommittee's consensus was to support a community survey.

Lisa said that televising the MPAC meeting might encourage people to do the survey. Dennis expressed concern that if the MPAC meeting appeared disorganized that a poor perception by the public might result.

Alan said that the MPAC had decided to put the subcommittee meeting minutes on the city's web site. It was decided to mark the minutes "Draft" until they were approved.

Dennis said that our committee needed to connect with the group studying a truck route through Claremont to know what they were doing and to get their minutes.

Alan pointed out that compromises and community involvement would be important to produce our report on transportation.

Dennis suggested that our approach be to break down the subject into manageable bits. He said we could develop a list of things we wanted to do from the Master Plans we had from around the state and then develop a flow chart to do one item at a time.

Lisa said that such a list would not be cast in stone, but change as we learn the city's situation and needs.

Alan distributed the transportation sections from 13 Master Plans from towns and cities in New Hampshire.

It was decided that the committee would read over these plans and develop suggestions and a presentation for the next MPAC meeting on Dec. 4.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 7, 2008, 9 a.m. in the conference room at:
Community Alliance Transportation Services
940 John Stark Highway
Newport, NH 03773

Respectfully submitted by:
Alan Grigsby, chair