

PELHAM, NH MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2023

In Person Meeting on August 16, 2023

LOCATION Pelham Police Community Room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Danielle Masse Quinn
Jenn Beauregard
Jim Bergeron
John Spottiswood
Bob Sherman
Al Steward
Cyndi Fournier
Yvonne La-Garde
Jeff Gowan
Darlene Greenwood – Pelham Public School System

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samual Thomas
Dave Hennessy
Roger Montbleau
Bob Lamoureaux
Donald Smith
Sahil Parikh
Jaie Bergeron, Selectmen’s Representative

SPECIAL GUEST IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC – In person
Crystal Kydd with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC – via Zoom

MINUTES Minutes for June 29, 2023 – No changes

SHERMAN/BERGERON

Abstain – **GOWAN and LA-GARDE**

NEW BUSINESS

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Danielle Masse Quinn acting as Chair in the absence of Mr. Samual Thomas.

Ms. Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC offered discussion on the agenda in reference to the timeline document titled “Propose Timeline for Remainder of Project, Our Pelham our Plan.

Ms. Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC offered discussion on the “actions” and the two (2) week review timeline:

1. Two (2) week review timeline and the October meeting is the 26th for the first draft received on October 12th.
2. To have the whole story layer out.
3. Then second (2nd) draft reviewed in December 2023.
4. We have two (2) more meetings for this group.

Ms. Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC moved the discussion to the “Future Lane Use” document.

Mr. Gowan offered discussion in reference to the MS4 Commitment, and the Master Plan should mention the MS4 – Beaver Brook affect should be mentioned within the natural resources; Long Pond etc.

Ms. Liz Kelly from Resilience Planning and Design, LLC offered discussion in reference to see if the members approve of using Dena’s MS4 submission and for it to be added to the Master Plan.

All Members were in favor of using Dena’s MS4 Submission for the new Master Plan.

Ms. Liz Kelly from Resilience Planning and Design, LLC offered discussion in reference to see if the members were in favor of adding the Beaver Brook language text to be added to the Master Plan.

All Members were in favor of adding in the Beaver Brook language test to the new Master Plan.

Mr. Gowan offered discussion to also add Golden Brook and Tony’s Brook to the Master Plan.

Ms. Beauregard offered discussion to add in Dena’s Natural Habitat information to the Master Plan.

Mr. Bergeron also offered discussion to also include the Aquifer Conservation District to the new Master Plan.

Mr. Bergeron offered discussion by referencing the study of the Aquifer Conservation District and how it talks about seasonal streams and how they feed into the Aquifers; the Master Plan should have a lot of language on these items to protect those lands that are not developed and to protect zoning for the Town has a huge dependence on well water.

Ms. La-Garde offered discussion in reference to usable energy/renewable energy and to include this within the Master Plan.

Mr. Gowan offered discussion in reference to solar energy.

Ms. Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC offered discussion in reference to the implementation document/draft implementation actions.

Ms. Beauregard offered discussion from an email that was submitted by Mr. Thomas with a proposed add to 3A, page 1 of the actions.

Members changes under the Draft Implementation Actions document:

Mr. Gowan suggested to change the name from Our Pelham, Our Plan to The Plan, the Master Plan.

Mr. Spottiswood suggested that the view and focus has to change a little with the new flux of people coming into town; i:e community pool / splash pad etc.

Mr. Sherman suggested on page 2 to add Hudson NH and Tyngsborough MA.

Ms. La-Garde suggested to add under section ii, “support and educate property owners” for specific projects and initiatives.

Mr. Sherman suggested on page 3, no. 2, to add in “forest”.

Ms. Fournier suggested adding on page 3, no. 11, adding “accessibility”.

Mr. Spottiswood suggested also adding “accessibility” and the ADA requirement and language should be added to the Master Plan for anyone who is handicapped should be able to have access to the Towns trails and any and all Town land.

Ms. Greenwood and Mr. Bergeron suggested on page 3, under the Water and Natural Resource Protection section i, to remove the word “incentivize” and replace it with “promote”.

Mr. John Spottiswood suggested on page 3 under the same section, to remove the word “cluster” and replace it with “open space”.

All members agreed that page 4 – no changes needed.

Ms. La-Garde suggested, under page 5 under (c) Trails and Outdoor Recreation, no ii, to remove “trash receptacles”.

Mr. Sherman suggested to add in a “rail trail” under the same section.

Ms. Beauregard suggested to move Mr. Thomas request of a Community Garden to the same section as a vii.

All members agreed that Page 6, no 3 - no changes needed.

Mr. Gowan suggested on Page 6, section b, ii, to add in the word “annual” Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mr. Bergeron suggested on Page 7, top continuing of section v, to remove the word “unmet” and add in “continue supporting”.

Ms. La-Garde suggested on Page 7, under section vi, no. 5, to add a “need for an addition to the Hobbs Community Center”.

Ms. La-Garde suggested on Page 7, under section (c) Multi-Model Transportation, Walkability, and Bike-ability, i, to add “investigation transportation opportunities with Uber and ride sharing services.

Mr. Gowan suggested on Page 8, under section vi, to remove the “extension” of sidewalk and will provide new language on this section to Resilience Planning and Design, LLC.

Mr. Gowan suggested on Page 9, section vi, to add in “gateway treatments”.

Ms. Fournier suggested on Page 9, section vi, to add in “Welcome to Pelham, NH signs”.

Mr. Bergeron offered discussion on Page 9, section viii, in reference to the importance of an Agricultural Overlay District.

Ms. Liz Kelly with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC suggested to create a “Farm Friendly Zoning”.

Ms. Beauregard suggested to enter in Mr. Thomas add of his section D from his email under Section e, Climate Change and Sustainability.

Mr. Spottiswood agreed to encourage an Agricultural Overlay District.

Ms. Beauregard offered discussion on the final two (2) Master Plan Subcommittee meetings. The dates for the next meetings are October 26, 2023 and December 7, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. **MOTION SHERMAN/FOURNIER**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Masse Quinn, Vice Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Danielle Masse Quinn acted as Chair.

Liz Kelly with Resilience and Planning Design, LLC opened the meeting with discussion on the updated Vision Draft third copy.

Mr. Thomas submitted updates via email for the meeting:

Under number 1. Vision Statement add “Pelham encourages and endorses support of farming as part of Agriculture, and we support almond conservation”.

In the 3rd paragraph add to the end of the last sentence, “by promoting sustainable water quality and quantity”.

Under number 2. Future Land Use Section:

On the first section on Residential, Open Space and Conservation, fourth bullet point add, “water quality and quantity”.

The members looked over the Vision Statement third draft and added and or removed the following:

Mr. Hennessey offered discussion that the State has to come in and allow safety walking paths and bike paths between destinations.

Mr. Jim Bergeron offered discussion on the road being 24 feet and the plan needs a Map of Roads describing the State roads and such.

Mr. Hennessey offered discussion to add in “heritage” under the first line within the Vision Statement and all members agreed with the change.

The members were in agreement to add in Mr. Thomas changes to the Vision Statement third draft.

Liz Kelly moved the discussion onto the Future Land Use Map and description.

The members discussed items on the “Town Center” and Mixed Used Areas

Under the Our Pelham, Our Plan document,

Critical Natural Resource Area bullet two, to add “Beaver Brook” and add in “should be quizzed by the Best Environmental State and Regulations method.”

Mr. Hennessey proposed to add in “the Constitution of NH.”

Under Town Center and Mixed-Use Area, remove the word “institutional” and in “educational”.

Under Town Center and Mixed-Use Area, third bullet, take out the word “tool” after regulatory. Then add in the word “tools” to replace the word “incentive”

Under Mixed Use Corridors, bullet three, have it state, “access management strategies and other regulatory tools will be employed to limit sprawl through land use patterns”.

All other items on this draft will stay the same with no changes.

Ms. Masse Quinn offered discussion on the write up submission for the Pelham Agricultural Commission to be submitted for the 2023 Master Plan.

Crystal Kydd from Resilience Planning and Design, LLC stated it has been received and will be added to the Master Plan.

No further business was discussed.

MOTION: to adjourn meeting **HENNESSEY/MONTBLEAU**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Danielle Masse Quinn, Secretary and Vice Chair