

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

**Present:** Charlyn Brown, Chairwoman; Beverly Mutrie, Lisa Brown-Kucharski, Greg Parish, Members; MaryAnn Kasprzak, Selectmen's Representative; Glenn Coppelman, Circuit Rider Planner; Susan Ayer, Secretary

**Absent:** Todd Santora, Vice-Chairman; Abigail Tonry, Member; Shawn Hanson, Alternate; Mark Sikorski, Building Inspector

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: June 23, 2015**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of June 23, 2015 as written.

**MOTION:** G. Parish

**SECOND:** B. Mutrie

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**COMMUNICATION TO BOARD MEMBERS  
PUBLICATIONS**

C. Brown brought attention to two publications with articles of interest to the Board: Supply Lines with the Source's Spring issue deals with potable well water, community water fluoridation and contamination of ground water. The July/August issue of New Hampshire Town and City includes articles on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Both publications will be available to borrow or copy in the Secretary's office.

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

The Chairwoman noted that the Master Plan Committee has had 3 workshops so far in July. Flyers were mailed out to community members, and a second one will be going out soon, regarding results of the Master Plan survey and plans for September focus sessions. There was a discussion of methods of doing bulk mailings, and G. Parish noted that a more efficient way to do future mailings would be through EDDM mail, using a link on the USPS website.

C. Brown told B. Mutrie she may be approached with a request to do posters for the September meetings. These meetings will take place September 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the survey results. C. Brown noted that opinions expressed by a majority of respondents will lead into the discussions in September.

G. Parish expressed disappointment at the number of respondents, 189 or about 10% of the Town's adult population. While it was noted that this is considered a good response rate for a survey, he said it is not as good as the usual voter turnout for the Town. C. Brown compared this to attendance at deliberative sessions versus coming out to vote at the end. B. Mutrie said that perhaps people do not realize the importance of a Master Plan. M. Kasprzak said that the timing of the work could not be better, as some people were demanding a Master Plan, not knowing there actually is one.

**AVESTA HOUSING**

The Board discussed the expected upcoming application for Avesta Housing's elderly affordable housing proposal, which recently was granted a variance by the ZBA. Discussion centered on the condition of Brown Road, its designation as a scenic road and what that entails, and the need for a traffic study.

B. Mutrie noted that Brown Road was not built to current Town specifications, and has never been rebuilt. She asked if the development would make it possible to bring the road up to Town specifications.

G. Coppelman said that the developer could not be held responsible for upgrading the road, only for certain offsite improvements based on the traffic study, such as a deceleration lane, turning lane, or safety items.

There was a general discussion of traffic and maintenance on the road.

### **WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES**

G. Parish asked C. Brown if in the publications she receives, she has seen any articles pertaining to rural towns like Hampton Falls that do not have public water and sewer, but have neighboring towns that do, and how to approach a discussion of connecting with these services. C. Brown said she has seen nothing recently.

L. Kucharski noted that the survey results made it clear that the Town residents do not want the Town to foot the bill for connecting to water and sewer service from neighboring towns.

There was a discussion of funding options.

G. Coppelman said that grant money to tie into sewer lines is primarily given to low income households. Block grants may work if pocket areas fall into the 51% low income threshold. Mr. Coppelman stressed, however, that grants do not cover the entire cost, and even if grant money could be secured, a big chunk of the cost would still fall to the Town.

B. Mutrie asked about tax increment financing, which G. Coppelman said is usually for use in areas where there is an anticipation of tax revenue being generated. The benefit would have to be to the area receiving the funding.

He also said that a supplier might pick up the cost of extending a service area, if the company anticipates enough future revenue.

G. Parish commented that solar power should be added to the discussion.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM

**MOTION:** B. Mutrie

**SECOND:** G. Parish

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