

MINUTES

June 18, 2014

4:33 p.m. called to order. Chaired by Elaine Ostroff.

Present: Jim Coyne, Gay Gillespie, Nancy Rioux, Jim Hartnett, David Cole, Sean Leach, Elaine Ostroff, Jack Baughan, Ann Boxler, and Jeff Bull.

Absent: Melissa Pacheco

1. Approve Minutes February 19, 2014

Hartnett moved; Cole 2nd. Approved with discussion 8 yes and 2 abstentions (Gillespie & Coyne)

Review Notes March 26, 2014

The committee reviewed the notes of the discussion held on March 26, 2014.

1. Update on April 12, 2014 Workshop – Ostroff asked if anyone would like to comment on the April workshop. Bull noted that the turnout was small but the participants were knowledgeable and contributed to the discussion. Cole noted that the vice-chair of the Water Resource Committee attended and his comments were useful to the process. Hartnett described the follow-up report from Horsley and Wittin and how the comments from the workshop were incorporated into the Chapters. Gillespie asked if climate change has been addressed in the updates and stated that it should be included in the Natural Resource Chapter. Cole had prepared a list of topics relating to climate change that could be used as a starting point. Cole requested that Hartnett email the list to committee members. Hartnett stated that with the exception of climate issues the Open Space and Recreation Chapter and the Natural Resource Chapter are near completion. Water, Wastewater and Stormwater are also close.

Jim noted that there has been a staff change at HW and that Katie Lamoureux no longer there. We have asked that Nate take charge.

2. Update school participation & Education Chapter - Rioux updated the committee on the work that has been done for the education chapter by outlining the goals, action items and objectives. Boxler positive about report. Cole suggested that the subcommittee may want to look at additional educational opportunities including Diman and Bristol Agricultural schools, one possibility would be to broaden the first goal to include all education opportunities. Baughan feels that Diman is managed well and offers a good opportunity to students. Gillespie noted that some of the Westport students that could benefit from a vocational school are not able to get into the school because of the limited number of seats available. She asked for data on what Diman students do after graduation. Baughan discussed the make-up of the Diman school board and the limited role the smaller towns play in its operation. He also asked that the need for mentoring be noted.

3. Update on remaining chapters (10 min)

Leach agreed to look into his files and start the process of updating the Land Use chapter. He stated that he was concerned about the time schedule and suggest that the committee may want to meet in August. Hartnett noted that a rough draft of the Historical and Cultural Resource Chapter was included in the packet

for review. He stated that this Chapter had limited information in the 2004 plan and the subcommittee has been meeting regularly to complete this update. Traffic and Circulation – Jim Coyne will work Hartnett over the next month to develop a draft of this chapter. Economic Development – Baughan indicated that this chapter is near completion; also that he was looking for the charge to the EDTF. Housing – Elaine Ostroff noted that this will be discussed with the Affordable Housing Committee next month. Capital Facilities and Human Services – Jack Baughan noted that the CIPC Chairperson has changed a number of times but would contact the new chair and see if this can be moved along. Lack of funding has been major issue. Baughan noted need for Technology input into MP.

4. **Schedule of future meetings** – Leach suggested that the committee meet in August and it was decided to meet on Wednesday August 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT