

Pownal Economic Development and Sustainability Committee

~ Agenda – February 7, 2024 ~

3:30 p.m.

1. Guest – Matt Panfill
2. Review of minutes from 01.24.2024
3. Review/discuss Andy/Paul's RFP draft
4. Review/discussion of phases, funding for 2024/2025, water study this spring
5. Review of submission for Town Quarterly Newsletter
6. Review/discussion of caveat.
7. Other

Pownal Economic Sustainability and Development Committee
January 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present – Susan Briggs Peters, Chairperson, Pat Hodgdon, Secretary, John Libby, Paul Schumann, Tom Ursia, Town Planner, Andy O’Brien, Select Board Liaison

Called to order – 3:30 pm

Review of minutes from 12/6/2023 –

Paul moves to approve with correction of his name. John seconds. All in favor.

Tom distributed out working draft of water statement for pg 18 of the draft vision plan. First parish church should be deleted from last paragraph. A few other possible edits were discussed such as the use of “public water system.”

Vision Statement - The vision statement was revised.

The Draft Vision Plan -

Starting with the rendering that was provided by GPCOG:

Discussion ensued as to whether the rendering met our expectations. Committee members found it lacking in general. Tom says a rendering should be readable, understandable by anyone. It should be a marketing tool. He feels the rendering is confusing and could be controversial. The committee votes to not include this rendering as part of the plan. Andy’s opinion is to tweak the vision plan and look to someone else for a re-do on the rendering.

Susan asked about changing the Vision Plan.

Andy and Paul discussed differing opinions on the inclusion of zoning recommendations.

Tom suggested we should look to plan incrementally, because zoning ordinance changes will take time and don’t currently allow for what is in the draft plan.

Next meeting is to be Jan 30th 6:30 pm where the committee will look to finalize comments on the vision plan for the next meeting with Matt Panfil

Adjourned – 4:50 pm

Approved 01.24.2024

**Pownal Economic Sustainability and Development Committee
January 8, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Present: John Libby, Paul Schumann, Tom Ursia (Town Planner), Susan Peters (Chair)
Excused: Andy O'Brien (Select Board Liaison), Pat Hodgdon (Secretary)

Call to order – 3:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Paul Schumann and seconded by John Libby to approve minutes of December 6, 2023. Motion passed.

Updates to the "Implementation Plan" were reviewed and accepted. It was decided to alphabetize the list.

GPCOG – Tom volunteered to pick up hard copies at GPCOG's office. Susan to reach out to Matt to:

- Confirm he or someone else will be there to meet Tom
- Provide hard copies of Plan
- Provide hard copies of actual visioning session results as well as survey results.

It was decided the committee would add an extra meeting which was scheduled for January 24. Committee members to share thoughts on v2 of the Visions Plan. We will invite Mat Panfill to attend meeting on February 7th at 3:30.

Andy and Paul to meet regarding write-up for water issue.

Reviewed Tom's TIFF map

Discussed Bradbury Mountain State Park

Meeting adjourned – 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Peters