

# Master Plan Implementation Committee

## Minutes of 2-11-10

Meeting called to order by Chairman/Planning Board member, Ed Forsberg, at 6:30 pm, in the Planning Board Office, Room 112, Town Hall.

**Committee Members Present:** Ed Forsberg, Mike Berry, Al Goetz, Dick Nottebart, Roger Turner

**Staff Present:** Don Johnson, Stephanie Mercandetti, Maura Therrien

**Approval of Minutes:** Ed made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/12/10. The motion was seconded by Al. The vote was 3-0-2, with Mike and Roger abstaining because they weren't present at the meeting.

### Ongoing Business, and Implementation Activities:

- **Status of joint Board of Selectmen/Economic Development Commission and subcommittee meetings on downtown revitalization:** There have been no joint meetings of the BOS/EDC or any subcommittee meetings.
- **Reinvestigation of the Downtown Municipal Campus concept as put forth in the Master Plan:** The following discussion ensued. As the stewards of the Master Plan, the MPIC members felt their responsibility is to discuss, comment, and present to the Board of Selectmen. It appears that all of the needed town offices will not fit within the downtown municipal campus area. Stone Field is too small for combined fire and police. The police station as a stand-alone has been reduced from 23,000 as a combined police/fire facility square feet to about 13,000. This would require 1-2 acres. The Senior Center would bring the requirement up to 3-4 acres. Chris Timson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, had submitted a request to the Walpole Hocusing Partnership to investigate using the old library for senior affordable housing; however parking is a problem there. We need to do it right, and spend some money. (AG & EF) No grant money is currently available. . Perhaps the Senior Center could be a second story of the police station. Police and Fire didn't want to share space. Robbins Road has the space, and the land. (RT) Old Town Hall rehab may be cheaper. (EF) What is the value of the School St. three acre Walpole Woodworkers property? Hartshorn Road has a brook running under the building which causes intermittent flooding. (AG)
- **Status of potential funding sources to be made available for the implementation of various economic development and planning activities identified in the Master Plan as updated, including MAPC's District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program:** Stephanie and Don noted that an application under the DLTA Program was being submitted, the purpose of which was to create Smart Growth Economic Development Overlay District containing properties abutting and near the intersection of Routes 27 and 1.

- **Housing Production Plan & Housing Partnership – Brief update:** No action
- **Zoning Bylaw Rewrite Phase 2 – Brief update:** No action
- **Historical Commission – Future Master Plan activities, including potential project funding sources:** No action
- **Open Space & Recreation Plan Update – Brief update:** No action
- **Representative from the Recreation Committee for the MPIC:** The Recreation Committee had not met the previous night as expected, due to a snow cancellation. Josh is OK with Thursday nights.

**Other Business:** Al had noted that survey work had been taking place on the land on the easterly side of North Street near Babbling Brook that is owned by Norfolk County. The MPIC will request that the Board of Selectmen investigate to see whether the County has any plans to sell this land.

**Adjournment:** Ed moved, Mike seconded the motion to adjourn. Voted 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,