Master Plan Implementation Committee Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:30p.m Council on Aging, Walpole Town Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Ed Forsberg (Chairman), Dick Power (Vice Chairman), Mike Amaral, Al Goetz, Roger Turner, Dennis Crowley, and Dick Nottebart. Staff Present: Stephanie Mercandetti and Maura Therrien. Guests: Denise Maleiko and Sue Ferioli.

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Forsberg called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Amaral asked to amend the meeting minutes to correct the spelling of Betty Cottrell's name and requested to delete the sentence at the end of the first paragraph under the discussion of the commuter rail station building. A motion was made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Nottebart to approve the minutes of February 25, 2014 as amended this evening. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Ongoing Business:

a. Spring Brook Trail/Park Project Update:

Mr. Power and Mr. Nottebart provided a status update on the project. Students from the Northeastern University School of Architecture will be putting together a conceptual landscape plan for the project. Mr. Power noted that the remaining items for this project need to be nailed down. Ms. Maleiko reminded the MPIC that they have participated in these meetings for the past couple of years and are now supporters of this project. They have continued to bring back the information to the six families, all taxpayers, who live next door to this project and will be impacted. She asked that the Committee not forget about the fence. Mr. Forsberg said that there is no intention of dropping the ball and we have many remaining items to deal with before the project is complete. Mr. Nottebart will send a note to Bob Leblanc to verify the length of fence needed. The MPIC will continue to look at options. Mr. Power and Mr. Forsberg noted that donations have been received for the lights, benches and one of the ramadas. These donations will be gifted to the Town.

- b. Master Plan Implementation Progress Review: This item was held over until the next meeting.
- c. 10-year Master Plan Update:

Ms. Mercandetti presented two scenarios to tackle updating the six elements of the Master Plan which include MPIC members participating in working groups that would

each be assigned an element of the Plan. Members reviewed the assignments and very minor changes were made to the handout. There was consensus that each member should be assigned to two working groups so that each group would have four members. Members also selected who would chair each working group. These working groups would commence upon the completion of the revisions made to the various implementation task tables. Ms. Mercandetti will make the revision and provide it to members.

d. Brainstorming session on goals and objectives for 2014:

Members discussed their goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Following discussion, the MPIC has put forth the following goals:

Goal #1: Complete the 10-year update of the Master Plan

Goal #2: Increase aware of the Master Plan and strategic process to Boards and Committees

Goal #3: Complete the Spring Brook Park Project

Goal #4: Review zoning regulations for inconsistencies with Master Plan and recommend revisions as appropriate

- 4. Correspondence: None.
- 5. Any Other Business:
 - a. Continued discussion of National Register of Historic Places application for Union Station:

Members reviewed a few letters drafted by Mr. Amaral and Ms. Mercandetti stating support for the application for Union Station. Following a review and some minor edits made to one of the letters, a motion was made by Mr. Nottebart and seconded Mr. Crowley to send the letter to the Board of Selectmen.

- 6. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm. A motion was made by Mr. Nottebart and seconded by Mr. Crowley to adjourn the meeting. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY