

## Land Use & Acquisition Advisory Board Meeting

December 19, 2023 / 5:15pm/ Meeting Location PCIS

Meeting Called by Chairman Hammond

### **Attending:**

John Hammond, Chairman

Joan Langsam MacDonald, Vice Chair

Walter Morrison

Hampton Watkins

Ethan Warren

### **Absent:**

Virginia Davis

Katherine Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 pm. A quorum was present. John informed us that Dave Peck, from the planning board, was at a meeting with the Selectmen and would not be attending this meeting, as previously discussed.

Hampton began the discussion by showing us what he had been working on with the Town and State maps, relevant to the Chapter 61 properties. He had contacted the State for assistance with delineating the Chapter 61 properties on the map. He stated that the State was not forthcoming with help on delineating the properties but could help with quantifying the parcels.

Hampton said he had spoken with Patrick Farah for help with the GIS system. Hampton learned that the GIS department was trying to reorganize as two employees had left and they were waiting for the vacancies to be filled.

The Committee discussed what information would be best to include on the state map, such as identifying all conservation parcels contiguous to the Chapter 61 parcels. Warren did not feel it was necessary to break down the conservation parcels into the manner of restriction.

The Committee discussed the need to review the Master Plan currently in place, and contact someone on the Master Plan committee about the changes they were considering. An agreement was reached that we should review, or if possible, obtain a copy of the old Master Plan and contact the planners about what they are considering for changes and to advise them that we are interested in the process. We should also propose changes if we feel they are warranted.

Warren also recommended that we follow Bill Keohan's suggestion and touch base with the Charter Committee and suggest inserting mandatory language requiring that the Land Use Advisory Committee receive the 61A, etc. notice when other town departments are notified

John said he would try to get a copy of the ENSER report.

Warren said he would try to find out who is on the Master Plan Committee. John will do the same with the Charter committee.

Hampton said he had the list of all Chapter 61 properties from the assessors and will forward it to all of our members.

Warren said we should review our proposed criteria and make a final draft and forward it to the Selectmen to see if we are going in the right direction.

It was agreed that our next meeting would be January 9, 2024 at 5:15pm at the PCIS. Joan informed the Committee that she would be out of town until the end of April but will attend the meetings remotely.

The meeting having gone past its projected time, Hampton Watkins moved to adjourn, Walter Morrison seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Joan Langsam MacDonald, Acting Secretary