

## Great Barrington Master Plan Committee (MPC)

Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013  
Great Barrington Fire Station

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Members present: Barbara Bailly, Charles Bouteiller, Ryan Caruso, Ethan Culleton, Shep Evans, Suzanne Fowle, Michele Gilligan, Jonathan Hankin, Paul Ivory, Bill Meier, Vivian Orłowski, Deborah Phillips, David Rutstein (alternate, nonvoting), and Michael Wise. Also present was Chris Rembold, Town Planner.

Members absent: Andrew Blechman, David Shanahan

Co-Chairperson Michele Gilligan began the meeting at 7:50 PM.

### Minutes of April 25, 2013

Evans moved to approve, Phillips seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

### Preliminary Final Draft Master Plan

Gilligan asked Committee members to comment on the “Key Issues” boxes in each chapter. She said that she, Wise, and Rembold thought it was repetitious and not effective. Wise suggested brief paragraphs with bullet points instead. Orłowski, Phillips and Meier all both thought the boxes worked well. Ivory thought more illustrations and visual aids would be needed. Wise suggested condensing the boxes in a Summary chapter. The Committee agreed.

Gilligan asked several Committee members to help write the bullet points. Assignments were as follows: Land use – Hankin; Open Space – Fowle; Economic Development – Wise; Agriculture – Orłowski; Energy – Caruso; Historic – Ivory; Transportation – Meier; Housing – Evans; Services – Bailly; Implementation – Phillips. Gilligan asked these be emailed to Wise and Rembold within the next week (July 3) and that Wise have it ready to be reviewed before the next meeting.

Members offered other comments about the draft:

- Fowle suggested that the chapters begin with graphics or some visual aid.
- Meier said the plan still needs to be clear about the importance and desire for better bicycling.
- Phillips said we should do a better job of showing how people contributed. Rembold suggested small captions within the text to highlight what we heard in public events.
- Meier said the Vision statement should be more exciting, rather than simply saying we need to continue what we have today. It should say that we have the right ingredients for how to be a successful town, and that we want to continue this vibrancy into the future.
- Orłowski said that the Agricultural chapter be explicit in saying that the town prefers or should encourage healthy / sustainable agriculture that is resilient and contributes to a healthy ecosystem. It is what we agreed to when we discussed the agriculture chapter.
- Phillips said the plan should state that we desire a healthy community. So much of the text and goals contribute to that end state and we should say so.

Gilligan asked that all comments be emailed to Wise and Rembold not later than July 10. This should include comments to the text as well as any suggestions for visuals, graphics, maps, etc.

### Other Issues and Concerns

Gilligan announced that the next meeting will be July 25 at 7:30 PM.

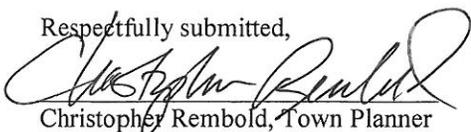
### Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Gilligan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Materials distributed or presented at this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of April 25, 2013
- Final Draft Master Plan dated June 17, 2013

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Rembold, Town Planner

