

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE  
THE TOWN OF STERLING**

**September 19, 2019  
Town Hall, Room 205**

**Members Present:** Patty Page, Chair, Master Plan Committee, Land Use Topic Co-Chair  
Chuck Plaisted, Vice-Chair, Master Plan Committee, Open Space & Recreation Co-Chair  
Liz Pape, Secretary, Master Plan Committee, Land Use Topic Co-Chair  
Blaine Bershad, Services & Facilities Topic Co-Chair  
Charlie Conroy, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative  
Maureen Cranson, Board of Selectmen Co-Representative  
Bob Dumont, Services & Facilities Topic Co-Chair  
Jim French, Natural & Cultural Resources Topic Co-Chair  
Angela Grattaroti, Housing Topic Co-Chair  
John Kilcoyne, Board of Selectmen Co-Representative  
Rose Koven, Natural & Cultural Resources Topic Co-Chair  
Marion Larson, Open Space & Recreation Co-Chair  
Jed Lindholm, Circulation/Transportation Topic Co-Chair  
Dick Maki, Circulation/Transportation Topic Co-Chair  
Rob Protano, Housing Co-Chair  
Julie Rusch, Economic Development Co-Chair

**Absent Members:** Keith Cordial, Economic Development Committee Representative

**Staff Present:** Domenica Tatasciore, Town Planner

**1. Open Meeting**

The Sterling Master Plan Committee meeting was called to order at the Sterling Town Hall on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:34 pm and Liz Pape recorded the minutes. A quorum of Committee members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

**2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Mr. Plaisted, seconded by Ms. Cranson to accept meeting minutes of July 18, 2019. Motion passed.

**3. Presentations**

- a. Presentation by Veronica Buckley, Director, Sterling Senior Center and Kristen Dietel, Director, Sterling Recreation Department, “Age and Dementia-Friendly Sterling”.

- b. Presentation by Peder Pedersen, Open Space Implementation Committee “Preparing Sterling for an Uncertain Future – Considerations for Sustainability and Resilience in the face of Climate Change”.

#### **4. Review and Discussion**

- a. *Draft Committee Handbook*: Committee handbook was distributed to committee members. The Committee agreed to table this discussion to the next meeting.
- b. *Vision Statement*: Discussion of the draft vision statements presented to the Committee was led by Julie Rusch. Ms. Rusch stated that the goal for tonight’s meeting was to agree on a master plan vision statement and then have each sub-topic work on their mission statement, to be presented at a later date. The feedback that was provided prior to tonight’s meeting focused on the themes of sustainability, mindful and proactive growth and inclusiveness (all ages and abilities). The Committee discussed the three vision statements provided by Ms. Rusch.

Motion made by Mr. Plaisted, seconded by Ms. Cranson, to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> vision statement as written. Motion to amend by Mr. Lindholm, seconded by Mr. Dumont to amend the 3<sup>rd</sup> vision statement to include the words “mindful growth”.

Motion to amend failed.

Original motion passed.

Subtopic chairs are to draft a mission statement for their topic and provide to Ms Rusch by October 14.

- c. *Master Plan Logo*: Ms. Deidre Shapiro presented draft master plan logos, designed by Diane Pedersen, and a discussion ensued. The Committee asked the logo committee to revise two of the presented logos based upon feedback and present them at the next meeting.
- d. “*The Value of a State-Approved Open Space Plan*” was presented by Ms. Marion Larson.

#### **5. Schedule Next Meeting**

Motion to schedule next meeting for Thursday, October 24, 2019 by Ms. Koven, seconded by Ms. Rusch.

Motion passed.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Plaisted to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Pape

Secretary