

BARRINGTON COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN 5-YEAR UPDATE

**BARRINGTON PLANNING BOARD
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Community Services & Facilities, Energy, and Circulation**

6 p.m. Thursday, June 12 2014
Barrington Town Hall Lower Level

Attendees: Anne Galbraith, Larry Trim, Mike Carroll, Rob Hart, Amanda Hope, Lisa Davis, Beth Tanius

MEETING MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes of 1/28/14 Meeting

Larry Trim made a motion to approve the subcommittee minutes from 01/28/14, with time corrected. Mike Carroll seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

2. Approve Minutes of 4/29/14 Meeting

Action was deferred until the next subcommittee meeting.

3. Discussion of Circulation Element:

The schedule for the Comprehensive Plan update was noted. A draft Circulation chapter was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and will be sent to the State for preliminary review. Public meetings on the entire plan update will probably be held at the end of the summer.

Amanda Hope, Lisa Davis and Beth Tanius made a presentation detailing the need for sidewalks on New Meadow Road between Christine Drive and Deep Meadow Road. The road has high volumes of traffic, operating at fairly high speeds, and there is a curve near Deep Meadow Road. There are no sidewalks, and the shoulder is cluttered with trees, debris, and mud, making it impassable. Since there is no school bus stop in this area children must walk along the narrow shoulder to get to Deep Meadow Road.

The subcommittee shared the draft map of sidewalk priorities developed as part of the Comp Plan update. It indicates areas where existing sidewalks are in need of repair and shows high priority areas for new sidewalks, including areas along major roads and within ½ mile of school. The Deep Meadow area falls just outside this area, but due to roadway conditions and the lack of school bus pick-up, the Circulation Committee agreed to add this additional section of New Meadow Road.

Phil Hervey will also forward this information to the State to be considered as part of their upcoming East Bay Regional traffic and safety study. The residents were encouraged to speak with Public Works about cleaning up the existing shoulder on this roadway.

4. Discussion of Energy Element

Phil Hervey would like to share the Energy and Community Facilities chapters with the Planning Board on July 1st. The committee discussed changes to the current draft, with input from Rob Hart from the Town's Energy Committee. These include:

- The chapter has been updated so that the 2009 baseline energy use is measured in the same way as today's use. A footnote could be added to explain this.
- Mike Carroll proposed setting a new goal of 20% improvement (over 2009) by 2020, or "20 by 20". The town has already reduced energy use in buildings, the largest sector for energy use, by 14%.
- Buildings
 - Add table on how much reduced at each building over time
- Street lights
 - More of a policy issue – need legislation for Town to take over maintenance
 - Investigate replacing w/ LED's as they burn out
- Sewer pump stations
 - What are efficiency issues/options are here?
 - Might be too small to see much savings? Modify to allow variable frequency?
- Fleet:
 - Should be treated differently, need to determine a fair and consistent measurement going back to 2009.
 - Privatization of trash complicates things (reduced mileage/fuel use since 2009)
- Renewable Projects
 - Renewable projects need to go to specific transmission site to put back on grid – had looked at certain points – DPW, schools
 - One of the schools might have a grant for small solar project. The State Office of Energy should be approached about larger installation at Hampden Meadows or Primrose, which might also qualify as hazards mitigation/resiliency measure since schools are shelter.
- Include policy to require consideration of environmentally sustainable or energy efficiency investments as part of all town projects, look at cost-benefit of life-cycle costs
- Suggest organizing goals to cover: 1) energy efficiency with actions for each sector; 2) renewable projects; 3) private efforts, residential programs; 4) other
- Rob will work with Energy committee at next meeting to identify practical actions, including efficiency improvements identified by National Grid

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.