

Preparing for Change Action Group Meeting Abbreviated Notes

March 11, 2016 at the Monadnock Congregational Church, Colebrook, NH
12:00pm – 2:00pm

Attendees:

Dick Harris
Bill Schomburg
Jim Tibbetts

Attending UNH Cooperative Extension Staff:

Geoff Sewake, Extension Field Specialist (facilitator)
Brendan Prusik, Extension Field Specialist (observer and notetaker)

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Geoff Sewake.

Discussed offering a larger doodle poll to capture more folks. Perhaps defer roles until more folks attend.

General discussion of need and whether Colebrook is ready – “Root of Charge of this committee”.

Discussed scope – area Canaan to Bloomfield to Errol to Pittsburg. What other communities in the Northern Forest have gone through this? Change is evident.

Influx from Washington DC to Portland and not much from QC.

Other Resources: Gloria Bruce and maybe a professional planners to provide expertise.

ATV capital... what other outdoor activities are attracting people.

Fear of losing more than gain with charge ex: Harvey’s or Hooters along Rt 26. Need to prep ourselves to stop negative change (Harvey’s / Hooters.....).

Jim: NCC a great resource for master plans as they have worked on many.

Resources: do we need grants? UNH has committed to resource these subcommittees.

Molly Donovan has resources if group is looking at regulations of communities to cope with change.

Stratford has one bylaw “No junkyards”.

Zoning bylaws are supplemental to Master Plans.

Jim: need laws/regs for all of these towns. NCC has this. Also need County then we can see what exists and whether additional is needed.

Should County be part of this group? Dick will contact the County and others mentioned.

When development does happen, zoning will help protect values most important to this community.

Perhaps town officials and appointees should be here. –like the planning board and administrators. Check with Eastern Townships – zoning experience there. UCVC (sponsored last two summits). Pittsburg folks too.

Reached out to all communities to see who they each have to put on this team.

Dick will reach out to an extensive list for adding members to this team and to NCC as a resource.

Potential next dates: 3/24, 3/25, 4/4 with times at noon & five – one hour durations.

Next meeting: Vision/charge of group and Projects for Impact / Feasibility Grid.

Meeting adjourned around 1:20 pm.

A list of other potential members created at this meeting will be kept separate and is available upon request.

Submitted by Brendan Prusik

Minor editing by Geoffrey Sewake