

MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 6, 2014

Note: Draft Minutes are subject to review, correction and approval by the Sub-Committee. Review and approval of Minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The March 6, 2014 meeting of the Swanze Master Plan Subcommittee commenced at 5:00 p.m. at Swanze Town Hall. Present were: Glenn Page, Scott Self, and Don Skiba. Sara Carbonneau, Director of Planning and Community Development, was also present.

Members discussed planned unit developments (or conservation subdivisions) and whether encouraging these types of developments would be advantageous to the town. Carbonneau noted that the zoning does provide for conservation subdivisions – however, after the ordinance was re-written (from cluster zoning regulations to a conservation subdivision) there have been no applications under these provisions. Carbonneau opined that it was likely due to the less than robust economy. Self and Carbonneau agreed that not everyone prefers to live in these types of developments.

Carbonneau stated that after the 2003 Master Plan was prepared and adopted, RSA 674:2 was amended. Minimum sections now required in a Master Plan are a "Vision Section" and a "Land Use Section." However, the town can adopt additional sections (as set forth in the statute).

Based on the statutory requirements, Sub-Committee members felt that updating the Land Use Section and creating a Vision Section should be the Sub-Committee's first priority.

Sub-Committee members felt that a portion of the existing Master Plan (pages 1 through 6 in the full plan) could be updated and re-worked into the Vision Section. It was noted that the section should also address the vision of the town within the context of the region and state.

Reminder – Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sara H. Carbonneau
Secretary to the Committee