

Plainville Master Plan Committee
Minutes of January 15, 2025

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A meeting of the Plainville Master Plan Committee (MPC) was held at 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2025 in the Plainville Town Hall.

Committee members present:

Rachel Benson, Jeffrey Johnson, Carol Lerch, Tom McHugh, David Rabinovitz, Charles Smith

Members absent/late:

Debra Sundin, Chris Desprez, Sherri Minch

Staff: Michael Mullen, Director of Planning & Economic Development

The meeting opened at 4:40pm and was recorded.

General Business:

Chair Lerch called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. She said that Master Plan Committee members have been presented with the final proposed Master Plan draft, with very minor small typographical corrections needing to be made.

Mr. Mullen spoke to the needed typographical edits and provided an overview of the editing process that has been completed in partnership with SRPEDD in recent months. He said the Committee could consider a formal vote of recommendation of the Master Plan to the Planning Board. Mr. Mullen said he hopes that a Planning Board vote to accept and adopt the Plan would occur in February.

Chair Lerch led discussion about the presentation and recommendation of the recommended Plan to the Planning Board. She said it would be helpful if there was a strong showing by Master Plan Committee Members at the Planning Board meeting when the Plan is presented.

The Committee generally discussed the development of a PowerPoint presentation to present to the Planning Board. Mr. Mullen said that a subgroup of no more than three Committee members is possible to work on creating the PowerPoint without violating the Open Meeting Law. The Committee discussed meeting next on January 29, 2025 to review the PowerPoint and further plan for the February 3, 2025 Planning Board meeting.

Motion by Ms. Benson and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve and submit to the Planning Board a final recommended Master Plan for adoption, incorporating the minor typographical corrections as reviewed. Passed 6-0-0.

There was additional discussion about the contents of the recommended Master Plan. Mr. McHugh said that the Committee should be prepared to discuss changes reflected in the final recommended

Plan as compared to the May 2024 initial draft. Mr. Mullen said that he would prepare content for the PowerPoint that summarizes the most significant changes made in response to the initial draft.

The Committee also discussed proposed next steps regarding the implementation of the recommended Master Plan, including the need for a Master Plan Implementation Committee to be established with collaboration between the Select Board and Planning Board.

The Committee recognized the efforts of fellow members throughout the Master Plan Committee process. Thanks, appreciation, and gratitude were shared amongst members of the Committee for their collective efforts and partnership.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rabinovitz to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Passed 6-0-0.

Submitted by:

Michael Mullen, Jr.

Director of Planning & Economic Development