

**Plainville Master Plan Committee
Minutes of January 18, 2023**

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A meeting of the Plainville Master Plan Committee (MPC) was held on 01/18/2023 in the Plainville Town Hall.

Committee members present:

Justin Alexander, Maggie Clarke, Jeffrey Johnson, Carol Lerch, Tom McHugh, David Rabinovitz, Charles Smith

Members absent/late:

Dawn Denizkurt, Debra Sundin

Staff: Chris Yarworth, Director of Planning & Development

SRPEDD: Phillip Hu

The meeting opened at: 6:41pm and was not recorded.

General Business:

Mr. Hu provide the MPC with an update on the survey progress to date. Responses are slowing down. Mr. Yarworth has been to “story time” at the library to hand out survey flyers to residents with younger children, and has met with managers at the Oasis, Village Green and Edgewood apartment complexes, who have said they will distribute the survey notices over their email lists to their tenants. Mr. Johnson has reached out to St. Martha’s church and been told they could probably do an event after the 10:00am. Mass one week. He has also spoken with the King Philip High School superintendent and a government teacher, and they may be willing to have a session on local government where we could incorporate the master plan survey.

Mr. Hu would like to move on to “deep dives” on specific topics, such as transportation, housing, commercial growth and open space preservation. These would be held at Town Hall. They include a short presentation, time for public input, and discussion by the committee. He discussed the “missing middle” and accessory dwelling units as ways to add growth if desired, without contributing to sprawl. He will try to create a map of the town showing areas that can still be developed.

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Master Plan goals and marked up exhibits with their priorities.

Mr. Alexander had to leave the meeting at 7:37pm.

The MPC discussed zoning issues, how to get the kind of housing they desire and how to maintain a sense of community.

Motion by Ms. Clarke and seconded by Mr. McHugh to approve the minutes from the 12/08/2022 meeting. Passed 7-0-0.

Motion by Ms. Clarke and seconded by Mr. McHugh to adjourn at 8:22pm. Passed 7-0-0.

Submitted by:
Christopher Yarworth
Director of Planning & Development