

Mendon Master Plan
Meeting Minutes
9.7.21

In Attendance: Ellen Agro, Kate Merten, Jenn Morgante, Bob Sweet, Lawney Tinio, **Lisa Hilton**

In Attendance/Remote: Dominique DuTremble, Ryan Saul, Kathy Schofield, Kathleen Nicholson, Tony Genna, Dan Byer

Absent: Bill Ambrosino, Brett Thibeault, Nick Ciantra, Patrick Doherty, Matthew Cote, Anne Mazar, Anthony Davis

6:08 Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Approval Of Minutes:

*We did not have a quorum, so could not review/approve minutes from 6.23 and 8.2 meetings. Will move this agenda item to the next meeting for review/approval.

Vision Statement Revisions/Workshop:

*Dominique/Ryan pulled up the long and short form draft revisions for review/edits. Committee worked with a short version, made revisions with all involved, and came up with a finalized draft for review/approval at the next meeting—once quorum established. Dominique/Ryan will send out a finalized draft to the committee for all to review.

*Once the vision statement is approved at the next meeting, discussion about how to communicate/share the Vision Statement with the town. Town Crier & social media will be used.

Review Draft Goals:

Economic - Goals:

1. Take a proactive and responsive approach to economic development that supports existing businesses and encourages new ones
2. Pursue a cohesive and holistic economic development strategy that evaluates the cumulative impacts of individual projects

3. Ensure business development that maintains mendon's small town and rural character
4. Grow and diversify the tax base to promote a fiscal sound future
5. Improve the marketing of mendon's natural spaces and agricultural heritage
6. Localize the economy. Encourage more small, consumer-oriented and local businesses for Mendon residents and visitors to enjoy.
7. Improve the Town's streetscape and sidewalks to allow and promote more pedestrian and bicycle access to businesses. Connect the Town's neighborhoods with Mendon Town Center and other business districts.
8. Infrastructure- ensure adequate infrastructure to support business growth.

Reviewed and approved these goals as they pertain to feedback from Master Plan Survey.

Other sections/goals will be discussed in a future meeting.

Next Meeting/Review of Interim Tasks

*Next Meeting scheduled for October 4 at 6p. Jennifer M. stated we will meet the first Monday of each Month at 6p.

*No interim tasks as we are awaiting quorum to approve minutes, vision statement.

Other Business

*Dominique stated we are waiting for EEA grant funding to move forward with Plan. Should hear by November.

*Discussed lack of quorum, even with virtual attendance option. Jennifer will send email to voting members to confirm their commitment.

*Survey still open. Will amend the website to state it is open. We will close survey, update site, at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:28PM

