

Unity Comprehensive Plan Committee

September 5, 2013 Minutes

Location: Unity College Koons Hall #201

Attendance:

Sonia, Bob, Chia, Don, Lori, Jim, Ken, Mike, Jean, Sara, Tom, Emily, Zach, Janis, David, John M

Agenda Item: Review Aug 29 minutes. There was a question about the “blurb for unityme.org web site” and it was explained

Minutes approved

Agenda Item: Comp plan meeting or special town meeting? The selectmen will be having their meeting to show their plan for the roads next Thursday at 7pm at the same time as our meeting. We decided to meet at the Firehouse at 6pm and have a shortened meeting so that those wishing could attend the Town Meeting.

Agenda Item: Working Agreements

Sara used her facilitation skills to lead us through an exercise to reach the group’s Working Agreements. She will be writing them up and will email them out before next meeting.

We then talked a bit about the mailing list and Sara will also summarize that and email it to us. I will point out that we decided that we will keep people on the mailing list until they indicate they wish to be taken off. People who can be on the mailing list are members and other interested people.

Agenda Item: Dropboxes Update Drop Boxes have been created and located at various public places in town. If you see a place that needs a box, let Emily know and she’ll get you the materials you’ll need to set one up. Dropboxes will be picked up from the locations on October 9.

Agenda Item: Emily’s talk with Sarah Curran Again, Sarah was very helpful in providing data sources for inventory based on a member’s specific question. The takeaway from this is that if you struggle at all, ask Emily to ask Sarah to help you.

Agenda item: Permission vote for Jean to send employer survey out

What is the end use of the survey? This is an expected question from an employer. The group decided that this survey needs an info sheet in the same way that the general survey has one, too.

Jean will draft an info sheet and adjust the questions as discussed by the group. It will be sent out before next meeting.

Agenda Item: Organizational Meetings update: tabled

Agenda Item: Inventory Updates: tabled.

Agenda Item: Signs Idea. A member noticed in another town some yard signs, like political signs, that had a catch phrase and a link. The web site had the information about what was going on in the town. It looked like they were also working on their Comp Plan. The town was Sangerville. Maybe we should do this to draw attention to the process that is happening and to get people to the Visioning Session in January.

Janis Balda and two of the students came to the meeting after their class. Some students have clear ideas about their individual interest. They are trying to incorporate them all into two teams: land use, recreation, and natural resources; and economy, energy and governance.

Sept 20th 2:30 Ken has an appointment with the town assessor to ask ie how much land is wooded or cleared. If anyone has other questions give them to Ken. His meeting is half hour

Action Items:

Continue working on your inventory

Have people you know fill out the survey

Sara is writing up the Working Agreements and Mailing List Rules

Jean is drafting the info sheet for the employer survey and revising the survey