2.12.2015 Unity Comp Plan meeting

Agenda: Review letter from selectmen. Discuss how to move forward with coordination with land use ordinance review committee. Discuss work left to do on the comp plan

Review of letter from selectmen: Good outcome is that there is more time to complete a thorough and thoughtful plan. Although informal, recent sentiment from the selectmen (given in other public committee and town meetings) was that the process was taking too long. Although this committee has worked for a long time already, we are grateful to have more time.

Coordinating with LUORC: The committee is open to working with land use ordinance review committee, as we always have been. We reflected on how we had invited that committee to work with us before but they had declined, saying that once their work was done they would give it to the selectmen and be finished. Hopefully this means they will want to work with us now.

At the Chris Huck meeting, one selectmen had suggested that the two committees meet with Chris Huck as a facilitator and the comp plan committee feels that's a reasonable idea. The goal of that meeting will hopefully be to establish a process for the rest of the plan's work. Don will ask the selectmen to set that up.

Work left to do on the plan: Inventory. Updates per memo's from Mark Eyerman. Plan for Forum. Survey? A few items of research to prepare for questions we expect from people: what organizations (non-profit, other clubs) pay sales and property taxes; What do other towns have for design guidelines, farmland protections, other creative land use ideas; what is avg. public engagement like for other towns' comp plan processes; economic impact on the town of single family house lot, especially with mobile home on it; look at other towns' plans and land use ordinances for ideas of how to display the information so it is understandable to the average reader.