

**Town of Haverhill
PLANNING BOARD
Community Survey Results Presentation
Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM
at the Clifford Memorial Building
65 S. Court St, Woodsville, NH
And on Zoom**

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present:

John Nelepovitz, Vice Chair; Vickie Wyman; Kevin Knapp, ex officio; Gary Hebert, Chair; Joe Longacre, Alternate; and Donnie Hammond (Excused). A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

Assistant Town Manager (ATM): Jennifer Boucher

Board Clerk: Joanna Bligh

Visitors in person:

Brigitte Codling

Heather Bryant

Margo Longacre

Becky and Bob Mackin

Wendy Gray

Gary Scruton

Rebekah and Paul Marcy

Regis Roy

Olin Garneau

Mike Graham

Visitors online:

Cliff Batchelder

MASTER PLAN Community Survey Results Presentation

Chair Hebert introduced June Garneau, consultant of Mapping and Planning Solutions (Twin Mountain, NH).

J. Garneau described the importance of the Community Survey to the Master Plan writing process and how the Survey reflects the vision of the Town residents into the future. J. Garneau noted that community involvement is welcomed.

J. Garneau stated that the Survey of 36 questions were sent to 3,583 residents and property owners in Haverhill, and based on the number of Town residents, had a return rate of 10.3% with 472 total responses. The survey lasted for 3 months and closed on May 15. The results were presented in color-coded graphic format, which J. Garneau addressed in detail slide by slide. J. Garneau noted that on the Survey there were also blank answer boxes where respondents could include written comments. J. Garneau stated that these comments from residents are available

from the Planning Board. [To obtain the list of written comments, contact Planning Board Clerk, Joanna Bligh, at jbligh@haverhill-NH.com.]

The complete slide presentation is available for viewing on the Town of Haverhill's website, as follows:

https://www.haverhill-nh.com/vertical/sites/%7B7B636F77-2058-47A7-A817-81AAD9EE8E62%7D/uploads/Haverhill_MASTER_PLAN_Community_Survey_RESULTS_PowerPoint_9-15-22.pdf

Questions from the Audience:

#1

Regis Roy: Roy asked who wrote the survey questions and if there were duplicates, especially with the paper and online submissions. J. Garneau replied that in writing the questions, she provided 50 standard questions to the Planning Board members who revised, added, and eliminated questions. O. Garneau responded that there are rarely duplicates, and only two were found in these responses. Roy noted that this presentation was "excellent." Roy addressed the percentage of respondents who answered that was listed on each graph, and whether the graphs that did not have the percentage listed were 100% responses. J. Garneau noted that each question had a differing number of responses.

#2

Heather Bryant: Bryant asked about the demographic data, and if the percentage of older respondents reflected the demographics of Haverhill. J. Garneau replied that she did not have that specific information.

#3

Anonymous: An audience member asked if J. Garneau compared the current Master Plan to the previous Master Plans. J. Garneau noted that all the previous Master Plans in Haverhill are being considered.

#4

Paul Marcy: Marcy asked about a building inspector in Haverhill and about building on steep slopes and hilltops. J. Garneau replied that the Planning Board [and Select Board] would discuss this, and J. Garneau gave an example from another town about building a subdivision on a hilltop.

There were no more audience questions.

Chair Hebert discussed the Master Plan prospective completion date of late 2023, and encouraged Haverhill residents to attend the Planning Board meetings where the Master Plan chapters are discussed. Chair Hebert asked if there were any comments from the Board, and hearing none, Chair Hebert asked for a motion to close the meeting.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Longacre moved, and Wyman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Voice Vote: All approved, none opposed, and none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

