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**MINUTES OF THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 5:00 PM
AT THE HOME OF CONNI WHITE
54 NEALS LANE
NEW CASTLE, NH**

Members Present: Acting Chairperson, Darcy Horgan, Lorne Jones, Jane Lannon, Kathy Richards, Peter Schwab, Conni White

Members Present via Telephone : Chairperson Pam Yonkin

Members Absent: Rodney Rowland

Acting Chair Horgan opened the meeting by expressing her thanks to Mrs. White for opening her home to the committee members when it was discovered that the Macomber Room was locked inadvertently.

Acting Chair Horgan then asked for the approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2022. Mr. Schwab *made a motion to approve as written the minutes of the meeting of July 14th, 2022. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Acting Chair Horgan called for a review of the last version of the Vision Statement as it was crafted during the July 14th meeting. The committee amended some of the language and suggested incorporating the bullet points into the body of the statement.

The following is the proposed new Vision Statement to be reviewed at the next meeting:

New Castle's vision for the future is to maintain its close-knit community atmosphere and protect both its historic assets and the abundant natural features of the island. Residents are proud of its policy of fiscal restraint while committing to provide substantial community services. In addition, New Castle residents seek to increase the town's resiliency to address the impact of sea level rise and climate change and to improve safety for pedestrians and bicycle-riders.

Acting Chair Horgan then presented Chair Yonkin's 3 page outline of the proposed contents of the new Master Plan. She proceeded to assign each chapter to a committee member who volunteered to be responsible for research and writing. The distribution was as follows:

Executive Summary - Chair Yonkin

Purpose of the Master Plan – Chair Yonkin

About New Castle – Demographics - Chair Yonkin

Vision - Statement
Word Cloud (Jane Lannon)

Community Services – Lorne Jones
Buildings and services. Town Hall, Rec Bldg, School, Beaches, Library, Fire Bldg. Talk to Dept heads. Read annual reports

Transportation - Jane Lannon
Roads, bridges, Safe Path, pedestrians, bicycles. Traffic data. Look at Rockingham Planning Commission. DOT. Interview Bill Stewart

Public Utilities - Peter Schwab
Water, sewer, telecom, natural gas. Portsmouth involvement?

Natural Resources - Conni White
Water, wetlands, wildlife habitat, open space, land conservation, tree point system

Historical - Rodney Rowland
Historic District

Housing and Land Use - Kathy Richards
How are things zoned? Pork chop lots, put numbers to perceptions, Review ZBA variances granted

Acting Chair Horgan suggested that each chapter should contain an introduction of the current status supported by data and a description of the future vision for the next 20 years.

She also stated that the town will need to hold at least one Public Hearing to gather additional concerns of the townspeople to be incorporated into each of the chapters. Later meetings with stakeholders will be scheduled.

The assignment for the next meeting, to be held on Monday, September 26th at 5:00 PM is to write something on your chapter or create a detailed outline of your chosen topic.

As there was no further business to discuss Mrs Lannon made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mrs. White. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Richards