

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 24, 2017**

**Attendees: Ralph Odell - Chair, Ted Mitchell -
Secretary, Jim Pritchard, Roland Carter**

- 1. Call to Order: 7:06 pm**
- 2. Approval of Minutes - April 24, 2017: No Changes**
- 3. Public View of Pittsfield Economic Development:**
 - Need for Highway Sign Promoting What Pittsfield has to Offer? Maybe Something Like “Check Out pittsfieldnh.com For Events and Products”**
 - Focus Needs to be on Agriculture**
 - How to Energize the Chamber of Commerce?**
 - Economic Development Committee Looking into a Coop**
 - Enlist Pittsfield Middle/High School Students to Help Create a “Pittsfield NH Product Line” and a Craft/Product Store**
 - Need to Identify Everyone in Town Who is in the Agricultural Sector**
 - Discussed Freight Farms Trailers. Cargo Trailers Converted into Hydroponics Farming. Solar Panels Provide Power for LED Lights. Shelving with Various Plants Being Grown. LED Lights can be Programmed for the Best Level of Light to Create Optimum Growth for Specific Plants. Extremely Efficient and Huge Volume of Produce for the Space. 4-7 Years Turn Around in Debt to Profit. Something to Think**

About.

- Lee, NH is Organizing to Help Foster Agricultural Activities

4. Citizen Growth: Need Buy-In by Residents. Ways to Get People Excited and Involved. Excitement is Contagious.

5. Water Resources:

- Acquiring Pennichuck and the Town Owning it's Own Aquifer is Vital:

-- Must Plan for the Future - Loss of Water from Berry Pond (For Whatever Reason)

- Aqueduct:

-- Berry Pond Rated for 400,000 Gallons per Day

-- Treatment Plant Rated for 500,000 Gallons per Day

-- Typical Usage is 110,000 - 120,000 per Day

-- Pennichuck In 2016:

+ Revenue - \$788,926.00

+ Maintenance/Operational Costs - \$350,606.00 Admin

And \$175,182.00 General Operation. Total: \$525,788.00

+ Taxes Paid - \$238,923.00

+ Net Income - \$63,950.00

- Map of Pittsfield Water Resources was Presented and Discussed. Committee Agrees that the Zoning Ordinance Should Include Aquifer Zoning Districts. Existing Law Prohibits Development Within Certain Distance of Aquifers. Locking it in Now will Prevent Problems with Illegal Development Later.

5. Next Meeting: May 8, 2017

6. Adjourned: 8:02 pm

Prepared by: Ted Mitchell, Secretary

Submitted: Ralph Odell, Chairman, Master Plan Committee