

Master Plan Committee
Approved Minutes
1/25/16

Helen Schoppmeyer, Jim Pritchard, Roland Carter, Ralph Odell present

Discussion Minutes Past Meeting: J.P. mentioned that the draft and the final copy of the minutes has a slight variation.

Police Department: R.O. presented data from several police departments indicating the Pittsfield Department has more calls and arrests than other departments in the area.

Discussion Downtown: There is a need for employment, transportation, and changes in housing.

R.C. mentioned that we need a Town Planner to follow up on ideas and guide them to implementation.

R.C. also mentioned that we should promote the idea of a community garden allowing individuals to become more self sufficient and self reliant.

Fire Department: Obtaining volunteers is becoming more difficult. Cooperative coverage with other towns for ambulance service should be explored.

R.C. mentioned that the department should have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to aid in snow removal for the ambulance.

Library: The library provides many current services to the Town and is exploring way to attract and serve more individuals. They are limited by the budget and time the building is open.

The library could develop an email service to users as a means of communications.

Welfare office should have a computer available for job searches and applications.

DPW: should move facilities to the Town Pit on Dowboro Rd. The existing garage should be used for other Town services.

A mower could be purchased and attached to the grader for roadside mowing.

A plan could be developed to contract septic tank pumping for residents that could potentially reduce the cost to the homeowner and increase utilization of the waste water facilities.

Future plans for waste water and aqueduct expansion should be planning 50 years into the future.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Odell