

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES

April 25, 2016

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

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2016 : No Changes

3. Updates on Chapters 1-4: Ralph Unable to Get Them Ready
Due to Things Coming Up and Realization that Finalizing
Updates Will be More Involved than Planned.

4. Donna Ward's Email:

- Ralph Asked Donna These Questions:

-- Why Do People Move Away From Pittsfield?

Answer - High Property Taxes. On Average

Homeowners

Sell Every 7 Years, ^(NATIONAL AVERAGE) In Pittsfield it is

3-4. (Note: NEED FOR HIGHER PRICED HOMES.)

Would Like a 3-4 Question Survey of

Residents

At the Time They Move. Suspect

Reasons May

Include: New Job, Retirement to

Warmer State,

Closer to Family, etc.)

-- What Are Factors that Make Pittsfield Attractive to Potential Buyers?

Answer - Lower Home Prices; Sense of Community; Fulltime Police & Fire; a Downtown with Restaurants, Banks, Grocery Store and Rite Aid.

-- If We Were to Design a Neighborhood for the Future, What Should it Be Like?

Answer - 2 Acre Lots Minimum; Homes Privately

Situated

on Lots; Energy Efficient Homes; Ranch Homes w/Garages; 4 Bedrooms or at Least 3 Bedrooms

w/Office

(1 Bedroom on 1st Floor, 3 Bedrooms on 2nd Floor for 2 Level Home); At Least 2000 Sq Ft Living Space -

Priced

\$250K or Under (Note: Folks in 50's Are Looking for Ranch Homes to Stay in For Duration of Their Lives); Paved Roads and Driveways; Close to Major

Highways.

5. Taxes vs. Assessed Value Chart:

- Chart Showed Relationship Between Taxes and % of Commercial/Industrial Properties. Question of Usefulness of This Chart.**

6. Forbes Report:

- National Report Rates States on Various Criteria:**
 - Best State to Do Business In - NH is 37th**
 - Quality of Life & a Labor Supply - NH is 22nd**
 - Cost of Doing Business Tax Rate - NH is 47th**
 - Tax Impact on Citizens - NH is 7th**

- 7. Loudon: New Greenhouse Complex (Growing Greens)**
- 8. “Hippo” Magazine Includes “Family Fun” Section that Lists Family Oriented Activities in NH. Pittsfield Should Create Events that Will Draw Families to Town. (Need an “Events Committee”).**
- 9. Discussed Pittsfield School District:**
 - Decline in # of Students**
 - # of Students Going and Arriving During School Year**
 - Other**
- 10. Next Meetings: May 9, 2016**
- 11. Adjournment: 7:56 pm**

Prepared by: Ted Mitchell, Secretary

Submitted: Ralph Odell, Chairman, Master Plan Committee

Ralph Odell