

# **MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES February 15, 2016**

**Attendees: Ralph O'Dell - Chair, Ted Mitchell -  
Secretary, Jim Pritchard, Helen Schoppmeyer**

**1. Call to Order: 7:03 pm**

**2. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2015 : No Changes**

**3. Police Department: Continued Discussion**

- Medical Emergencies - Need Better Coding on Calls so  
Community Wellness Coalition Can Track Drug Overdoses.**
- Confirmed that Pittsfield Has Greater # of Calls in Region  
(Other than Concord).**
- National Statistics Show that Most Effective Crime  
Deterrent is Uniformed Police Patrolling in Non-Motor  
Vehicular Fashion (Foot, Bicycle).**
- Master Plan Committee Town Survey - Residents Concerned  
About Crime Rate.**

**4. Community Gardens:**

- Manchester has Two.**
- First One is in Connection to Homeless Shelter.  
+ 100 Languages Spoken in the Vicinity.**
- Second One is Near NH Tech.  
+ Community of Bosnians  
+ Vegetables with Fruit Trees Surrounding the Garden.**

- + Small BBQ Grills with Benches**
- Sophia Japhet - Grant Writer: Families in Transition.**
- Garden Manager (Security) - Volunteer.**
- Legal/Liability Issues.**
- Dot Perkins (UNH Cooperative Extension) in Pittsfield - Guide for Communities to Develop a Garden.**
- Note: Put Recommendation for Community Gardens into Master Plan with Need for Research and Lot Identifications.**

#### **5. Community Wellness Coalition:**

- Activities for Teenagers, Individuals in 20's/30's/40's.**
- Change Economic and Social Outlook.**
- Communication/Education Within Community - Wellness & Self Improvement.**
- Next Budget Cycle Warrant Article to Expand Parameters of Welfare Officer to Include Wellness Training and Assistance.**

#### **6. Pittsfield Youth Workshop:**

- Average 40 Students Per Day - Highest Numbers are 6-8 Graders.**
- Hired Part Time Staff.**
- Attempting to Co-Own Building and Renovate Basement (Not in Budget at This Time)**
- Goal is to Become Regional Facility Serving Barnstead & Chichester.**
- Need Space for Private Meetings - Now Using Room at Baptist Church Next Door.**
- Pittsfield Listens Now Rents Space in Community Center.**

#### **7. Parks & Recreation:**

**-- On Schedule to Have Skating Rink at Drake's Field Next Winter.**

**-- Responsibilities Include:**

**+ Swimming Pool**

**+ Easter Egg Hunt**

**+ Winter Fest**

**+ Adult Men's Basketball**

**8. Ralph's Discussion w/ Matt Monahan (CNHRPC):**

**-- WORKFORCE IS CRITICAL TO THE ECONOMIC LIVELYHOOD OF THE STATE.**

**-- Federal Grant Money (Through State) for Subsidizing Training of Business Employees.**

**-- Education Opportunities in Community a Real Plus.**

**-- Transportation - Ride Share and Ride Source are Online Sites People Can Use for Carpooling.**

**-- A Weekly Visiting Doctor is Plus.**

**-- Regular Special Events is Great for Getting People Engaged.**

**-- As Result of Pittsfield's Park & Ride Planning, CNHRPC Created a Park & Ride Tool Kit for Communities.**

**9. Franklin, NH:**

**-- Non-Profit Development Corporation Bought 12 Rundown Buildings.**

**-- "CATCH" is Restoring a Old Factory Building for Use as Apartments for Multi-Income People.**

**-- Franklin is Creating Quality of Life Activities - Biking, Recreation, Etc.**

**10. Next Meetings: March 14, 2016 and March 28, 2016**

**11. Adjournment: 8:07 pm**

**Prepared by: Ted Mitchell, Secretary**

**Submitted: Ralph O'Dell, Chairman, Master Plan Committee**