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Workshop Minutes
October 20, 2014

Meeting Posted: Yes

Place: Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA

Time: 6:30 PM

Present: Joanna L. Bilotta-Simeone, Nathan J. Lockwood, Damon McQuaid, Kenneth Chenis, Matthew Allison, Adam R. Burney

Also Present: John Hume, MRPC

Element summarization given by John Hume, MRPC. Summarization covered Assessment of Lunenburg's Current Economic Base and Goals, Objectives and Recommendations. The Planning Board previously reviewed the Element and changes had been incorporated.

N. Lockwood noted that the Element advises strategies to pursue and gives broader themes vs providing specific recommendations. J. Hume concurred, noting that the Element provides a general framework for the Town. A. Burney inquired as to the Town maintaining a real estate listing through CoStar (a commercial real estate information company).

Carl Luck, Sewer Commission- Opined that the issues in this Element are the same as those in the 2002 Master Plan. What is the goal of updating this Element? To bring in more tax revenue? Why shouldn't you start with updating the first Element? J. Hume noted the Goals and Policies are listed in the Introduction Element and there was a low financial cost to the Town to update this specific Element through DLTA (District Local Technical Assistance).

Mark Erickson, Finance Committee- Inquired as to whether the other Elements were already updated.

Troy Daniels, Sewer Commission- Inquired as to where a brownfields grant would fit into the L&M Service Center on Massachusetts Avenue listed in the Element. N. Lockwood reiterated that the Master Plan is a general framework. J. Hume noted that MRPC was not successful in obtaining a brownfield grant as they were not funded region-wide. J. Bilotta-Simeone opined that a regional economic development team should be formed and inquired as to how this can be moved forward.

Workshop terminated at 7:30 PM due to a medical emergency.

Documents used at workshop:

Master Plan Economic Development Element

Minutes/2014/10.20.14 MP workshop