



Your Regional Plan

Municipal Meetings

Sunapee, NH
Town Office
October 17, 2013

Attending:

Josh Trow, Town of Sunapee
Peter White, Town of Sunapee
Michael Marquise, Town of Sunapee
Kurt Markorian, Town of Sunapee
Carolyn Stoddard, Town of Sunapee
Tanner Royce, Town of Sunapee
Charlotte Brown, Town of Sunapee

UVLSRPC Staff:

Christine Frost
Vickie Davis
Quinn Molloy

The meeting began promptly at 6:00

Christine Frost gave an introduction of the agenda for the evening and provided an overview of the work that the Commission has completed to date on behalf of the communities in the region to complete the regional plan. Public feedback and research included:

- Online Feedback received through the Regional Forum on the Future
- Analysis completed on all 27 Master Plans within the region
- Public feedback received from 14 communities events around the region
- Independent phone survey results
- Existing conditions and current trends within the region

The Commission then asked for input from the attendees about what was happening within their communities. The following list was compiled:

- ✓ Library, groundbreaking tomorrow
- ✓ Perkins Pond sewer project
- ✓ Upgrading the wastewater treatment – agreement with New London, the system is currently at 50% capacity
- ✓ Replacing waterline from the lake – are currently evaluating with the state – the dam is a hurdle to deal with
- ✓ Wendell Marsh conservation easement, large land tract that is being put into conservation but also has the potential for town wells

- ✓ Would like to do sidewalks, maybe rotary or other traffic calming project on route 11 which cuts through the north and south main streets – there will be a warrant article to address engineering for these improvements
- ✓ Potential walk/bike route along route 103B

After a short break the group reconvened and discussed what they valued about the region and what projects and initiatives they felt were important to be represented in the Regional Plan.

- ✓ It would be helpful to have examples from other towns about how they accomplished their projects – have the regional information that is available in the regional plan useful for each individual town
- ✓ Establish workforce housing. It is expensive to move here, mostly people with no children are moving into town. The school system is good and could be a draw to the town in the future.
- ✓ At the same time the group talked about maintaining the current population and not growing too fast in the future. They currently enjoy a safe community, have a good school system and many events that contribute to a sense of community. The group felt that their school contributed to the community by providing a venue that all community members participate in regardless if they have children.
- ✓ There was interest in meeting with surrounding towns to share stories and the perhaps 6 pm was too early to hold meetings (start at 7). New London, Sunapee and Newbury have various zoning but they should talk about how their zoning specifically around the lake could have similar goals and outcomes. Meetings should have specific topics – convey the relevance to a target audience to get people engaged.
- ✓ Overall felt that Sunapee offered a small town that was safe, had a sense of community, good schools, and still low taxes, easy lake access open to the public, four season activities and outdoor recreation.