

**Town of Turner  
Comprehensive Planning Committee  
February 15, 2018 Meeting  
Minutes**

**Present:** Mike Gotto, *Chair*, Mary Briggs, *Vice Chair*, Scott Abbotts, Ralph Caldwell, John Davis, Matthew Maloney, Dianne Maziarz, Marcus Reny, Harry Ricker

**Absent:** Eric Cousens, Karen Youland

**Also Present:** Kurt Schaub, *Town Manager*

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Gotto discussed having a recording secretary for meetings, to assist with documenting progress. Mr. Caldwell said Mr. Schaub can do that. Mr. Gotto asked if there were other suggestions, such as sharing the Planning Board recording secretary, and there were none. Mr. Gotto also announced his intention to keep meetings relatively casual, but stressed the importance of having just one member speak at a time, and to be certain that expressions of committee sentiment are well founded and documented.

2. **Section II – Inventory & Analysis** – This section of the 2006 plan was reviewed following a brief discussion on the Vision Statement (page I-2), which will be an outgrowth of the Visioning Session. It was agreed the basic inventory tables contained in the 2006 plan need to be updated. Mr. Schaub agreed to gather the bulk of the Census and state data, and Ms. Maziarz agreed to help. Mr. Caldwell will compile a list of agricultural businesses; Mr. Abbotts will work on Public Water Supplies; Mr. Schaub will work with the Selectmen on town facilities; the MSAD 52 sections will be sent to the Superintendent's office; the Road Committee will update the town's Road Inventory; Messrs. Davis and Reny will work on traffic data; Messrs. Maloney and Reny will work on Recreation Facilities; the committee as a whole will work on scenic areas; Mrs. Briggs will work on Historic Buildings; Mr. Schaub will look into building activity; Mr. Maloney will compile data on watersheds and ponds; Mr. Schaub will review the Hazards area; and the Committee will take up the balance as it arises. Inventory work should be done by March 13.

3. **Assessment of Implementation Strategies** – Mr. Gotto said he was interested in hearing if members thought anything was conspicuously absent. Mrs. Briggs noted that many of the policies are good, but the some strategies are lofty. Mr. Gotto said that Community Survey data generally guides the policies. Whether or not to conduct a survey was discussed, particularly in light of the tight budget. Mr. Maloney said SurveyMonkey is an excellent, low-cost way of conducting the survey electronically. Mr. Gotto said there was also discussion on including a printed survey in the upcoming Town Report. Both means are alternatives to mailing it separately to each household. Mr. Gotto asked if the Committee wanted to conduct a new survey. Most agreed it should be done in some form, and Mr. Ricker added it might be good to get the Committee's opinions first as a means of giving the general public something to bite into. Various options will continue to be explored and discussed.

4. **Meeting Schedule** – The next meeting will be held on March 1 to review consultant proposals, and the committee will meet again on March 13 to review Inventory work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt E. Schaub, Town Manager