MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

PRESENT: Dick Marshall, Denise Grafton, Paul Scarpetti, Matt Reed, Nicholas Williams (staff), Deb Miville, Mark Miville

1. Chapter 9 Parks and Recreation Update

The committee met with Deb Miville. She informed the committee on Park and Rec’s progress toward fully updating those action items. They are meeting again before the end of August and will have a list of recommended action items ready to go before the public at that time.

2. SNHPC Survey and Public Outreach

We decided to take on the plan a chapter at a time. So far, we have partially updated 4 sections: Community Facilities, Economic Development, Population and Housing, and Recreation. Since this is an update, the process will differ slightly from developing a plan from the ground up – I have been seeking ideas and recommendations on the updated action items from Town committees, staff, and regional authorities who have the most institutional knowledge of what is occurring in Town with regard to each individual chapter. For the Community Facilities portion, that was Town staff. For the Economic Development portion, that was the EDAC. For the Population and Housing portion, that was Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. And for Recreation, that is the Parks and Recreation committee.

While all of this information has been compiled, myself and the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission have been developing a survey which aims to gather public input on these four sections. We will hopefully administer this over the next month. When the results of that survey are compiled, we will take all of this information and present it in front of the public. This will be an open forum workshop with the goal of narrowing down and making final decisions on what action items will go before the Planning Board and then to Town Council for adoption.
We will repeat this process for the next four chapters, and the next, until the plan is complete. As you can see, it’s a rather lengthy process with many different parts.

The survey will be administered almost completely online. The committee feels we will get a better response rate this way. Nicholas will be sending out a bulk mailer to all Hooksett addresses with information on how to access the survey. Residents who wish to have a hardcopy mailed to them will be directed to call Nicholas directly.

The survey will be administered through Survey Monkey and we will be able to tabulate responses with the aid of this software.

We are looking to have the first survey, which will cover the first four updated chapters, online by the end of the week of August 27th.