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**Long Range Planning Committee
Conference Room 1, Town Office
7:30 – 9:00 AM, March 21, 2018**

AGENDA

Attendance:

Beth Schidzig	Nick Kalogerakis
Sparky Hurgin	Allan Phinney
Amanda Lessard	Ben Smith

1. News/updates

Ben's last day as Planning Director is April 6. Hoping to make arrangements to continue this work on an interim basis until a new Planning Director is brought on board.

2. Ordinances

- a. Zoning Map updates relative to Future Land Use Map
 - i. Goal – better differentiate Growth Areas and Rural Areas
 - ii. Task – Look at the map: what's in, what's out
 - iii. Critical changes?

Amanda will be using the work the LRPC has already done to draft up some working maps (internal use only) that the LRPC can refer to over the coming weeks with a focus on the work above. The group liked the approach of focusing first on the mapping and ordinance changes for Rural Areas, then mapping and ordinance changes for Growth Areas. The work will be incremental in that order, but no changes are expected to be sent to the Council for formal review until a complete package of changes is put together.

- b. Growth Areas – new standards and policies
 - i. Sections 400 & 500
 - ii. Policies and Standards
- c. Rural Areas – new standards and policies
 - i. Sections 400 & 500

- ii. Policies and Standards
- 3. Open Space Plan
 - a. The Plan – more than a technical exercise, will need some community process and feedback
 - b. Elements of the Plan
 - c. Role of Committee/Staff/Consultant

Ben reviewed a 1st Draft of an RFP for consulting services with the group. Discussion around the scope of work will be incorporated into the RFP, but there was consensus that off-loading the heavy lifting on this effort to an outside resource would allow the group to focus efforts on the ordinances and zoning map work.

- 4. Boots on the Ground implementation
 - a. What can this group do to make a real difference for the town?
 - i. Example – Trail to connect Windham Center/North Windham
 - 1. Access
 - 2. Signage

This is a motivated group that wants to make a difference in what people see and experience in Windham, not just work on ordinances that will go into a book that few people will read. Ideas for projects and working with other committees were discussed.

- 5. Performance Measures
 - a. Do we have enough?
 - b. Are they the right ones?

Did not have time to discuss.