

# Bernardston Master Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes of March 21, 2017

Members Present: Jane Dutcher, Chris Wysk, Will Pratt, Craig White, John Lepore

Others Present: Sarah LaValley, Brian Keir

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

## **Approval of Minutes, February 28, 2017**

Motioned by Jane, seconded by Chris, the Board accepted the minutes as presented.

## **Introduction, Welcome Sarah LaValley and Craig White**

Sarah, who is the Town's new Planning Board Clerk, introduced herself to the Committee and provided some background; she is excited to help in implementing the Master Plan.

Craig owns Hillside Pizza and is also involved with the Inspire School for children with autism, and was invited to join the MPIC to provide perspective and input from business owners.

## **Goals and Visions**

The Committee discussed visions for the future of the town. Items of importance included:

Branding

Moving forward with a hydrology study to investigate water issues in the center of town

A vibrant downtown

Complete Streets

Showcasing of historic and recreational resources, such as the stone arch bridge

Protection of rural character

Vibrant small businesses downtown

Sustainable growth

Protection of farmland and open space

Strong finances that will be able to continue to provide needed resources

Attraction and maintenance of new businesses

## **Education and Outreach Recommendations**

The Committee considered recommendations from the Plan, and agreed that increased communication and an updated website are two low-hanging fruit items that can be accomplished in the near future.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 9. Committee members will review recommendations for 'Strengthening Community Connections' and 'Zoning and Policy' and will bring priorities to the next meeting for discussion.

John will bring a summary of the Master Plan to the annual town meeting.

Jane moved to adjourn, seconded by Chris. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah LaValley, Clerk